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Editor's Letter

You will notice in our team pages that many teams have recruiting classes with as many as 27, 28, even a few of them with more than 30 signees. No, the NCAA hasn't raised the signing limit from 25. So why is it that many schools sign more than the allotted 25? Rules state that when a student-athlete signs a letter-of-intent, it can be binding for as long as two years. Binding on the player's part, that is. But what about the institution?

We thought we should ask.

We enlisted Brian Douglas to investigate why many schools will sign more high school seniors and junior college players than they have available scholarships. Most schools want to ensure they fill their allotted 85 scholarships every year. And in order to be sure, they must overcompensate so that when some of the incoming players do not qualify academically, or they lose some upperclassmen to academic deficiencies, they will still have 85 players on scholarship.

So what happens if a school has 89 eligible players come August? We hope you'll find all the answers you seek in Brian's story, **Oversigning**, on page 21. We would like to know your opinions about oversigning. We know the rules permit it, but is it ethical?

Over the past year, there have been many other burning questions we've raised throughout the offices at Athlon Sports. We solicited the opinions of TV analysts and writers who cover college football with a national perspective.

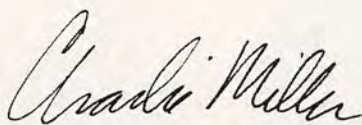
In our **Insiders Forum** on page 26, you'll read the opinions of Kirk Herbstreit, Todd Blackledge, Tom Ramsey, Tony Barnhart, Mark Blandschun, Malcolm Moran, Austin Murphy and our own Mitchell Light. They have answers to questions on such topics as the best programs, fans celebrating on the field, best coaches, best players, the one game they would not want to miss and other issues. Do you strongly agree or disagree with anyone on the panel? Let us know.

To continue our series of catching up with former college football stars, we tracked down Cal running back Chuck Muncie, Oklahoma quarterback Charles Thompson and Oklahoma State receiver Hart Lee Dykes. As these stories may suggest, being a star athlete at age 19 or 20 can be too much for some kids to handle. I hope you'll reminisce with us for a bit. If there are any players from the past you would like to hear from, let us know. We'll try to track them down for our 2004 edition.

Do you agree with our predictions for 2004? If not, we challenge you to do better. Just remember, for us to take you seriously we need to hear from you before Sept. 1. We don't have much respect for those with 20/20 hindsight in January claiming to have had 20/20 foresight in August.

Thanks for making Athlon Sports College Football magazine a part of your summer reading program. We hope you enjoy the magazine and welcome your comments to editor@athlonsports.com.

Enjoy the season. I hope your favorite school goes bowling over the holidays.



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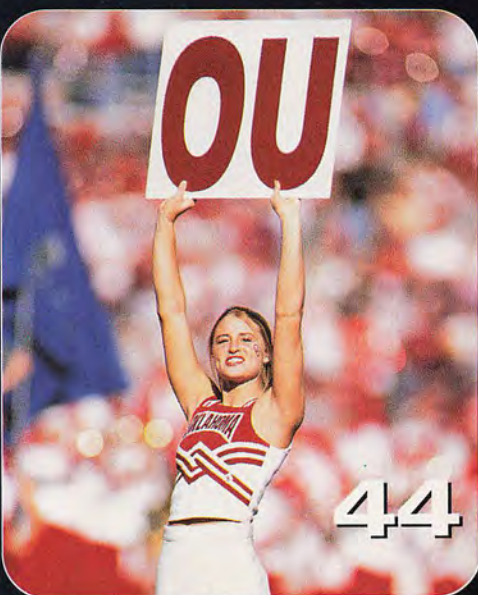
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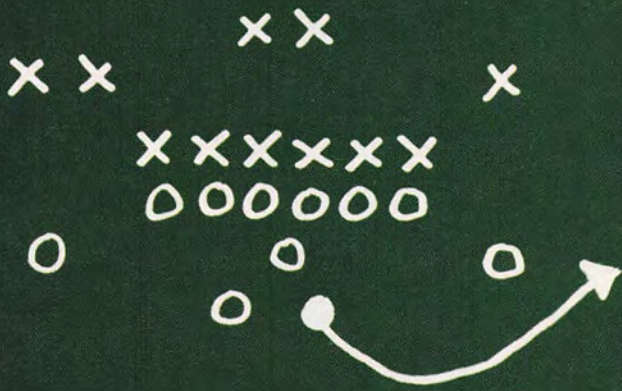


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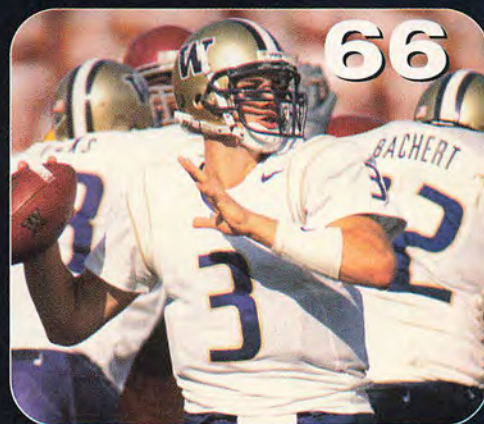
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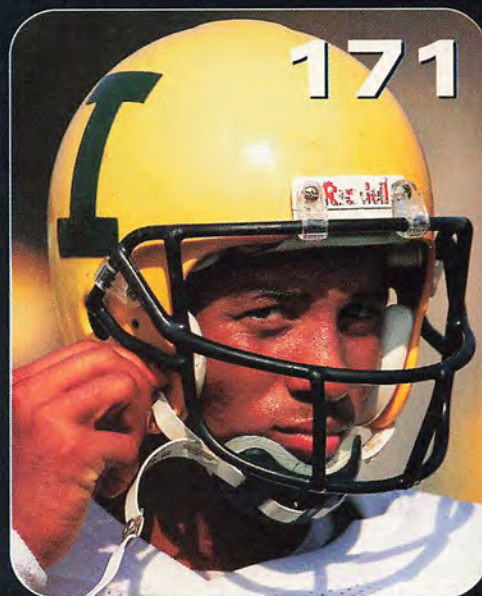
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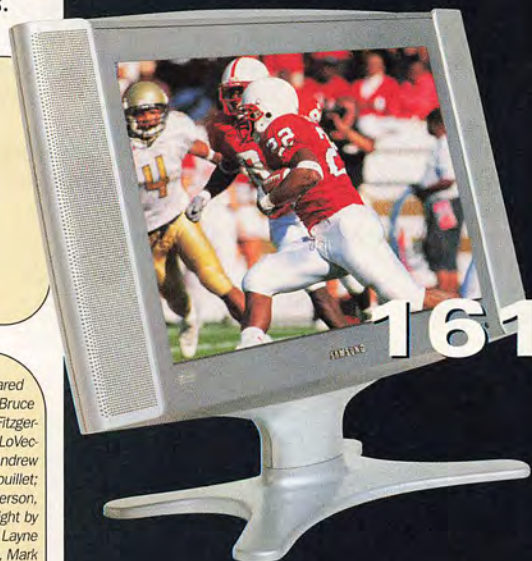
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Xtra Points

By Tony Barnhart
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Welcome, gentle readers, men, women, and children of all ages. On this, the eve of another college football season, we have a rare treat and a most unique honor. After more than a decade since his last public appearance, Carnac the Magnificent has come out of retirement.

Today Carnac will use his incredible powers to unlock the innermost secrets of the college football universe. And because he's working for scale, we'll get only one question and one answer.

I hold in my hand a hermetically sealed envelope that has been kept in a No. 2 mayonnaise jar on the porch of Funk and Wagnall's since noon today. No one in the universe knows the contents of this envelope, but Carnac, in his most mystical way, will ascertain the answer to the question never having seen it.

Your Magnificence, are you ready for the envelope?

"Of course. But I must hurry. I have a two-o'clock appointment with Frank Solich of Nebraska. Something about his seat being hot."

(Carnac holds the envelope to his head).

Oh great one. What is the answer to the question?

"Terry Porter."

Terry Porter?

"Terry Porter."

Your Excellency, what is the question?

(Carnac opens the envelope).

"What one person screwed up the entire 2003 football season by throwing a yellow hankie?"

Are you sure, oh wise one?

"Never question the power of the Great Carnac. In these matters we must defer to that great Western philosopher, Casey Stengel, who would say: 'You can look it up.'"

So we did. And Carnac is right.

Terry Porter, a name that will live in infamy for Miami fans, is the Big 12 official who threw the controversial flag in last January's Fiesta Bowl. If the flag had not been thrown for pass interference, Miami would have beaten Ohio State and won its second straight national championship. But the flag gave Ohio State a new life, and the Buckeyes won 31-24 in double overtime.

The debate on whether or not Porter made the right call will go on forever. Its impact on the texture and the story lines of the 2003 season is indisputable. Consider:

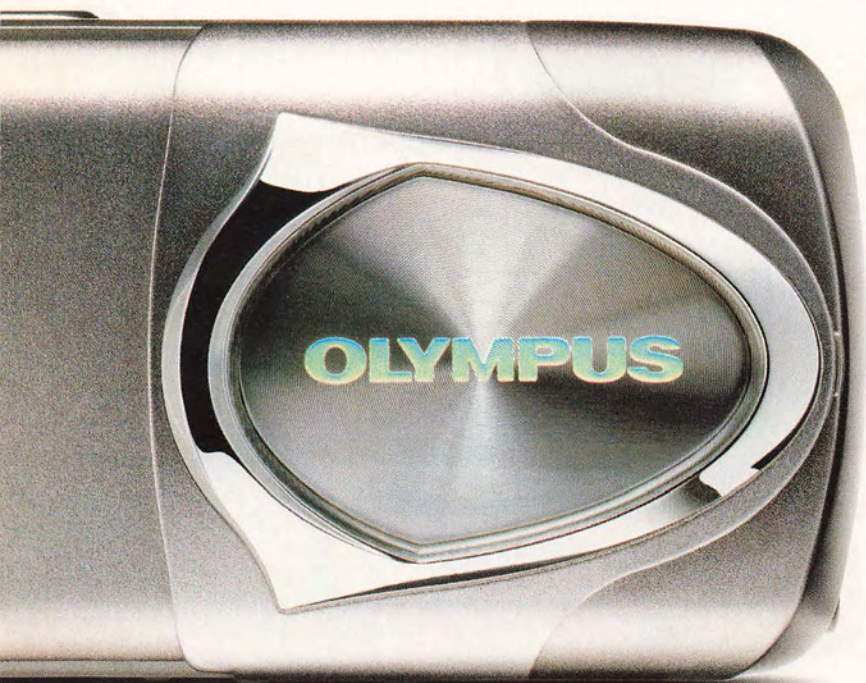
- Had Miami won the national championship, the Hurricanes would enter this season with a 35-game winning streak. That would have tied them with Toledo (1969-71) for the second-best streak since World War II. Miami would have begun the 2003 season knowing that a 13-0 record would have broken Oklahoma's all-time winning streak of 47 (1953-57). With a schedule that included road trips to Florida State, Virginia Tech, and Pittsburgh, the odds would have been against the Canes running the table. But it would have been a helluva lot of fun to watch.

- Since the Associated Press started picking national champions in 1936, teams have won consecutive titles 10 times. No team has ever won three straight AP championships. If Porter doesn't throw that flag, Miami would enter this season with a chance to become the first.

- Porter's flag denied the Big East an unprecedented accomplishment in the two major sports. In basketball the Big East won the men's championship (Syracuse), the women's championship (Connecticut) and the men's NIT (St. John's). No conference has ever won all four of those titles in a single academic year.

But let's look on the brighter side of all this. Yes, some history was lost when Porter threw the flag at the Fiesta Bowl. But it created another great story line as Ohio State went 14-0 and won its first national championship since 1968. The Buckeyes of Jim Tressel were a team of destiny, Terry Porter or no Terry Porter. And college football is healthier when the Ohio States of the world are on top of their game. Even Carnac would have to agree with that.

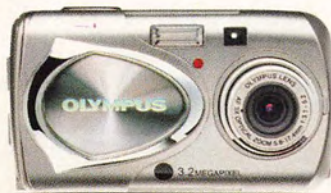




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DON'T MESS WITH ROY

How secure is Mark Mangino feeling these days?

Two years ago Al Bohl was hired as the Kansas athletics director and charged with improving the football program. So he fired coach Terry Allen with three weeks left in the season and hired Mangino, the former offensive coordinator at Oklahoma.

But there was a problem. Allen was best buddies with Roy Williams, the powerful Kansas basketball coach.

Williams took a little dig at Bohl in the press for firing a coach before the season was over. Bohl responded by publicly reminding Williams that he was the boss of the athletic department and that Williams should stick to coaching basketball.

Mistake. Big mistake.

So after brother Roy went to the Final Four for the second straight year and was again courted by North Carolina, he suddenly had some leverage with the powers that be. Bohl was blown out of Lawrence in an effort to get Roy to stay. Mangino, wise man that he is, went public saying that he also wanted Roy to stay.

None of it worked as on April 14 Williams took the job at North Carolina.

It isn't fair, but Mangino will now be associated with the exiled Bohl and with the departure of Williams. That can't be good for Mangino and a program that hasn't won a championship since tying for the Big Eight title in 1968.

GOODBYE TO THE "CLASSICS"

We pause here for a moment of silence in memory of the preseason "classics" which, in our humble opinion, were anything but.

Oh, it was a great idea in 1983 when the Kickoff Classic matched two great teams from the year before and was the only game of its kind. But before you could say "anti-trust" we had classics from sea to shining sea.

What we got was some bad football. Some really, really, bad football.

So all the classics are now gone, except for The BCA Classic, which gets a one-year reprieve because of what happened at Blacksburg, Va., in 2001.

If you'll remember, the mother of all storms washed out the BCA Classic between Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech. In the process lightning struck Lee Corso's rental car.

"I don't know what a Hokie is, but God's one of them," said Corso.

DO THE MATH

With the Classics going bye-bye, is a permanent 12th game now as certain as Dreamland Sauce on your shirt in Tuscaloosa?

Four years ago the NCAA passed a rule that allowed teams to schedule a 12th regular season game in years when there were 14 Saturdays between the last weekend in August and the end of November. That scheduling quirk happened in 2002 and 2003 and will happen again in '08, '13, and '14.

Coaches are not in favor of the 12th game. From their perspective it's just another chance to lose and another chance to get a player injured. Besides, there is significant pressure for schools to use the extra game to schedule a strong intersectional opponent instead of buying a win against Directional Louisiana.

But athletics directors have bills to pay. And the ones with big stadiums made an extra \$1.5 million or more from the 12th game last season and will again this season. Once that money is in the budget, it's hard to give back.

Ohio State athletics director Andy Geiger says he is philosophically against the extra game. But the extra \$1.7 million the school makes per home game will basically fund three non-revenue sports.

"It's simple," said Geiger. "Do you want the \$1.7 million or not?"

IT'S PUT UP OR SHUT UP TIME

Casey Clausen, QB, Tennessee

A tough, talented quarterback who has had to deal with some dysfunctional teammates (can you say Kelley Washington?) during his time in Big Orange Country. He's back for his senior season and wants to lead the Vols to an SEC championship. We're just not sure he has the surrounding cast to pull it off.



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Chris Rix, QB, Florida State



Allen Kee

This guy has used up most of his nine lives with his teammates. But right now, thanks to the transgressions of Adrian McPherson, he's basically all the Seminoles have at the position. Some Florida State players staged a mini-revolt against Rix after the Seminoles lost to Notre Dame but now they have to find a way to rally behind him. This will be one of the more intriguing story lines of this season as Bobby Bowden tries to re-establish his dynasty at Florida State.

Tommy Bowden, head coach, Clemson



Allen Kee

Things are not going all that well for the son of Bobby Bowden, either.

A year ago at the Bowden family reunion, one of his 23 nieces and nephews said: "You're the hot coach."

"No," said Uncle Tommy, "I'm the coach on the hot seat."

Back then it was a joke. Now it's not.

The Tigers are a combined 14-11 the past two seasons and are coming off an embarrassing 55-15 loss to Texas Tech in the Tangerine Bowl.

This is Bowden's fifth year at Clemson and only once during that span (2000) have the Tigers won more than seven games. Athletics director Terry Don Phillips is in his second year at Clemson and was hired, among other reasons, to get the football program back near the top of the ACC. With Florida State beginning to struggle, it's time for Clemson to make its move. This year it is important for Tommy to beat the old man and contend for the ACC championship.

THAT'S "COACH CEO" TO YOU

Last summer, Nebraska Coach Frank Solich attended a dinner of some financial heavy-hitters in Omaha. Seated next to him was David Sokol, chairman of the MidAmerican Energy Corp. The two men hit it off. When Sokol said "let me know if I can ever help," Solich decided to take him up on it and enrolled in CEO class.

So all of last season Solich was getting tips behind the scenes from Sokol. How to be a better manager of people. How to delegate authority. You know, stuff Tom Osborne did in his sleep but Solich had to think about.

The schooling didn't help with the product on the field as Nebraska posted a 7-7 record, its worst since Osborne was a sapling.

But Solich's CEO training did come in handy when he had to make some major changes on his coaching staff, something unheard of in a land where coaching continuity is next to godliness.

In an unprecedented move, Solich let six assistants go and brought in new offensive and defensive coordinators. He's given up the play calling, but says he'll still wear a headset. With Sokol's urging he will become more of a manager of the program rather than trying to keep his hands on everything. He's given up some control, something no coach likes to do.

"My first instinct was to try and do it all," said Solich. "It's hard to admit you can't do that."

We applaud his efforts to improve, but a word to the wise, Coach Frank. Lose seven games again and even Dr. Phil ain't gonna be able to bail you out.

REALITY CHECK

Speaking of Nebraska, our old buddy, state senator Ernie Chambers, is up to his shenanigans again.

Last spring Senator Chambers introduced his 999th bill calling for Nebraska's football players to be paid. The bill actually had more fine print than a health club contract, meaning that it will do exactly zilch to help student-athletes. But it made for good copy and kept ol' Ernie in the spotlight.

Actually, Senator Chambers believes the school should be allowed to decide which athletes should be paid.

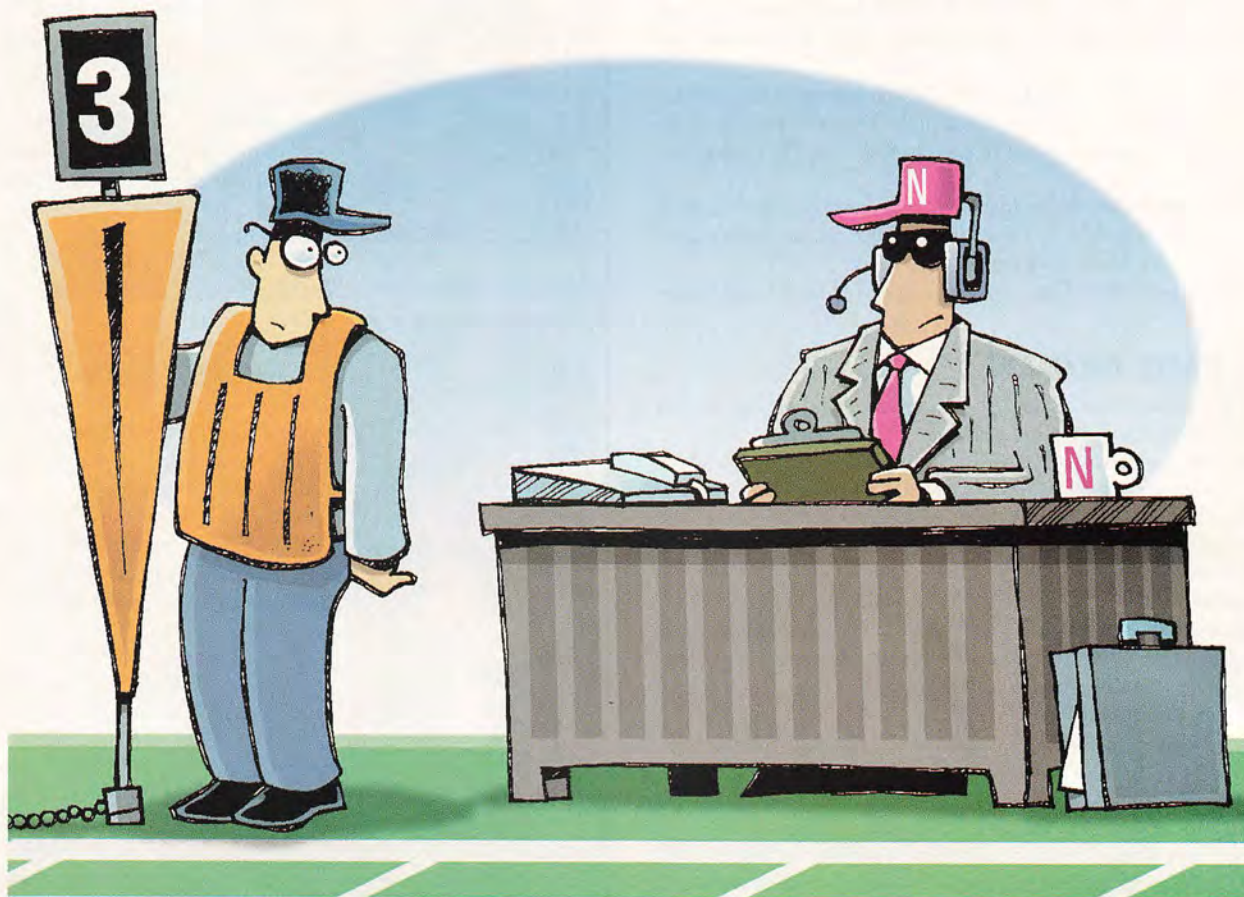
Yo, Senator! It's called Title IX!!

As soon as the first Nebraska football player gets a check that the women's basketball player doesn't get, the university will be hit by a federal lawsuit faster than you can say "Martha Burk."

Yes, players in need should get something more than just the room, board and books provided by a scholarship. It's called the Full Cost of Attendance. Many academic scholarships are calculated in that fashion, with an allowance given for incidental expenses based on the cost of living of the city involved.

The athletic scholarship should be changed to reflect the full cost of attendance. Says who? Says Miles Brand, the new president of the NCAA.

"If players want to be paid for their participation in athletics there is a vehicle for that," said Brand. "It's called the professional leagues. I am not in favor of paying players. But I do think we need to look at the full cost of attendance."



AND YOU WERE THINKING.....WHAT?

Florida State compliance director Bob Minnix did the initial interviews of Adrian McPherson when rumors began to surface that the Seminole quarterback might be gambling on football. Minnix, however, admitted to authorities last spring that he didn't take any notes of the interviews. Minnix was concerned that the notes would become subject to the state's liberal open records laws.

The Tallahassee police, who conducted the investigation on possible gambling on campus, were not amused and gave Minnix and Florida State a verbal dressing-down.

"These people are state employees. They work for us," said Barbara Peterson, who heads a watchdog group for public records accessibility. "We have a right to know what they're doing and how they're doing it."

The NCAA rulebook is pretty clear. During the recruiting process you can't use famous alumni or boosters to gain a competitive advantage. South Carolina had to report secondary violations to the NCAA when Governor Jim Hodges met not once but twice with recruits during the final weeks of the 2002 recruiting period. One visit came at the Governor's mansion in February of 2002. Another time Hodges met with a group of recruits at a home basketball game.

Hodges, a self-avowed Gamecock fan, left office last January after being defeated by Republican Mark Sanford. In case you're wondering, Sanford went to Furman.

Anwar Phillips, a redshirt freshman defensive back from Penn State, was kicked out of school on Dec. 12 for two semesters after being charged with sexual assault. Technically, the suspension did not take effect until Jan. 13, the first day of the spring semester. So technically, Phillips was eligible to play in the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1, which he did.

But ethically, was it the right thing to do?

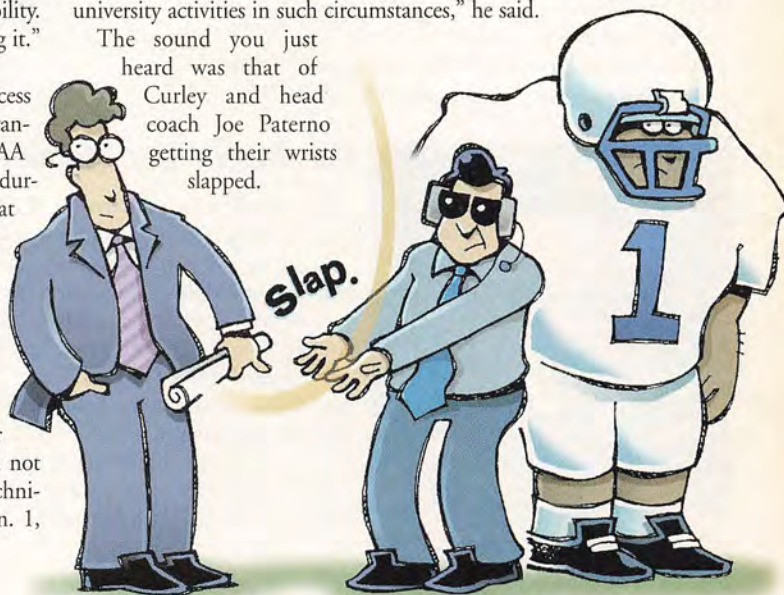
According to athletics director Tim Curley, just because Phillips had been expelled from school was not enough reason to remove him from the football team.

Huh?

Penn State president Graham Spanier disagreed. Dr. Spanier seemed to have this silly notion that guys who have been kicked out of school on charges of sexual assault probably aren't the best people to represent Penn State.

"My own view is that students should not be allowed to participate in university activities in such circumstances," he said.

The sound you just heard was that of Curley and head coach Joe Paterno getting their wrists slapped.



WHO'S THE BEST?

Athlon ranks the best units in the nation:

TOP QB UNITS

1. GEORGIA
2. WASHINGTON
3. VIRGINIA
4. OHIO STATE
5. NC STATE
6. MISSOURI
7. PITTSBURGH
8. KANSAS STATE
9. COLORADO STATE
10. VIRGINIA TECH

TOP RB UNITS

1. AUBURN
2. MINNESOTA
3. TENNESSEE
4. OREGON STATE
5. KANSAS STATE
6. WISCONSIN
7. OHIO STATE
8. SYRACUSE
9. NORTHERN ILLINOIS
10. VIRGINIA

TOP WR/TE UNITS

1. WISCONSIN
2. USC
3. TEXAS
4. CLEMSON
5. FRESNO STATE
6. MARSHALL
7. WASHINGTON
8. LSU
9. FLORIDA
10. MIAMI

TOP OL UNITS

1. OKLAHOMA
2. USC
3. MICHIGAN
4. NC STATE
5. MIAMI
6. MISSOURI
7. ARKANSAS
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9. PITTSBURGH
10. NEW MEXICO

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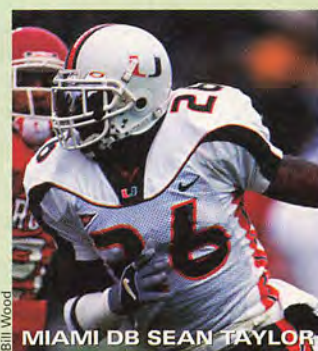
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2. OKLAHOMA
3. TEXAS
4. USC
5. NOTRE DAME
6. AUBURN
7. VIRGINIA
8. GEORGIA
9. IOWA
10. TCU

TOP LB UNITS

1. MIAMI
2. OKLAHOMA
3. AUBURN
4. NOTRE DAME
5. USC
6. PURDUE
7. FLORIDA STATE
8. SOUTHERN MISS
9. TEXAS
10. ARKANSAS

TOP DB UNITS

1. MIAMI
2. OKLAHOMA
3. MARYLAND
4. FLORIDA STATE
5. FLORIDA
6. TEXAS
7. GEORGIA
8. WASHINGTON
9. ARKANSAS
10. MICHIGAN



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MIAMI DB SEAN TAYLOR

KEEP YOUR EYE ON ...

Philip Rivers, QB, N.C. State

Go ahead and make fun of his throwing motion. But in three seasons this guy has thrown for 8,993 yards, 61 touchdowns, and has been the focal point of what is becoming a very good football program under Chuck Amato.

Last year the Wolfpack started 9-0 and lost games to Georgia Tech, Maryland, and Virginia by a combined 15 points. But then they beat Florida State for the second straight year (something that no other ACC team has done) and then knocked off Notre Dame in the Gator Bowl to finish 11-3.

Rivers is back for his senior year and focused on delivering the school's first ACC championship since 1979.



Mac McWhorter, offensive line coach, Texas

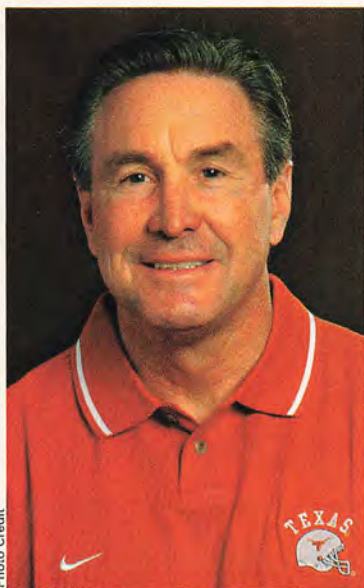
After three straight double-digit losses to Oklahoma, Longhorn coach Mack Brown must find a way to beat the Sooners in 2003. So Texas will go back to the basics and try to toughen up its running game.

In the last two losses to Oklahoma, Texas has rushed for only 80 yards on 60 carries. The Sooners played smash mouth while the Longhorns tried finesse. Smash mouth works better.

Enter McWhorter, who replaces Tim Nunez as the chief of the big uglies up front. McWhorter, an old Georgia lineman himself, has worked wonders at Georgia, Clemson, Georgia Tech and Alabama. And the guy's a leader. When George O'Leary departed for his cup of coffee at Notre Dame in 2001, McWhorter was Georgia Tech's interim head coach and led the Yellow Jackets to a win in the Seattle Bowl over Tyrone Willingham's Stanford team.

"I like this guy," said Brown of McWhorter. "He's going to give us something we really need."

The man you see smiling is junior tailback Cedric Benson, who ran for 1,293 yards behind a soft offensive line in 2002. This group will not be soft.



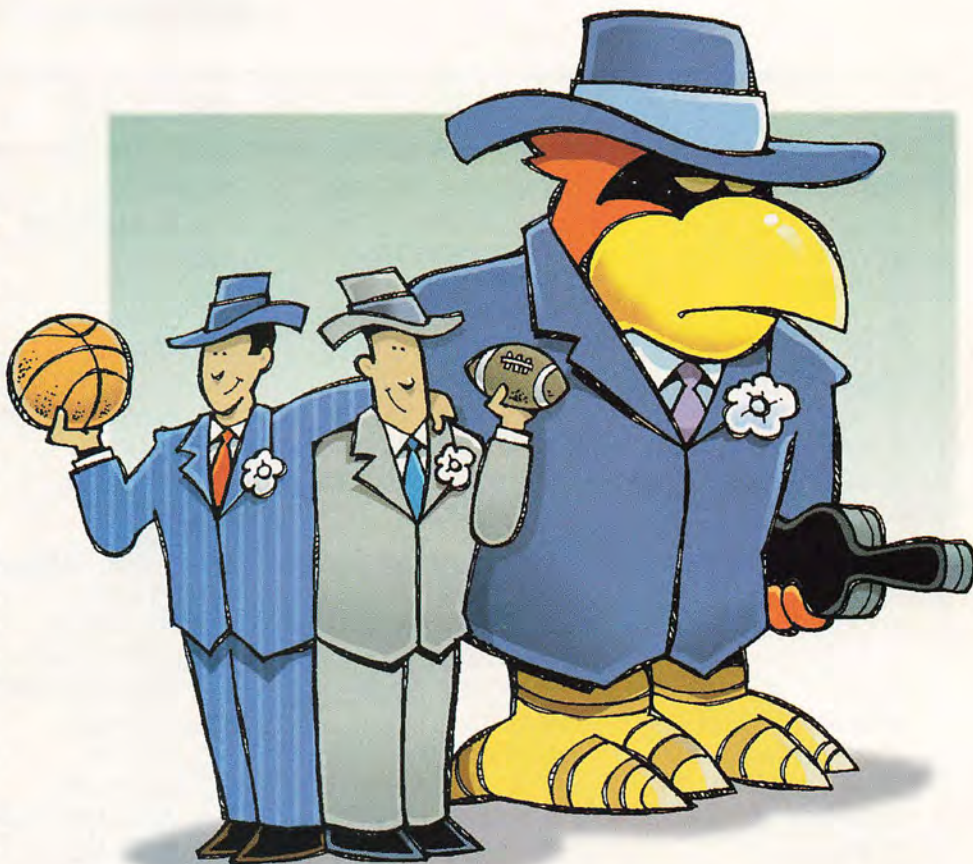
Bobby Petrino, head coach, Louisville

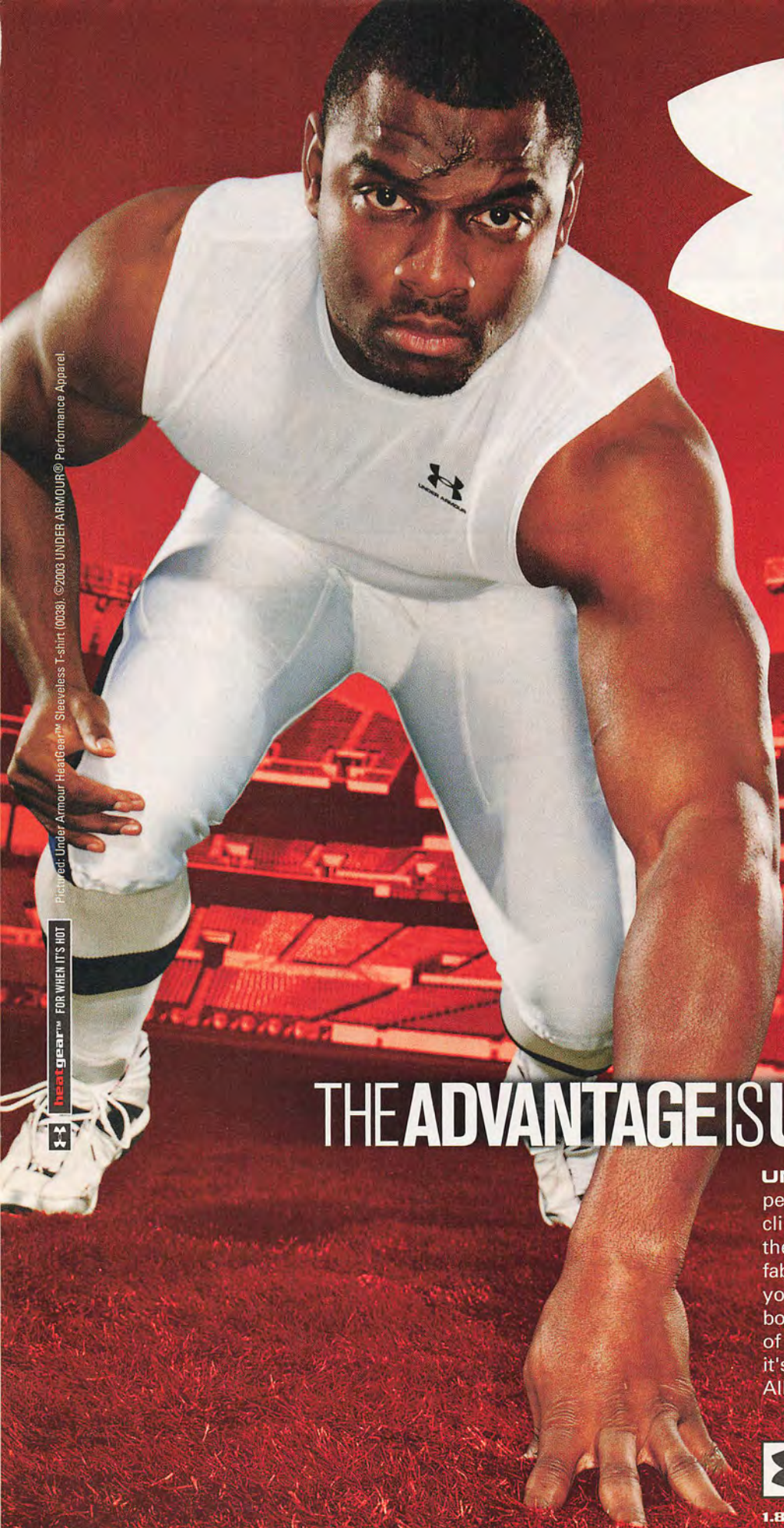
Petrino returns to Louisville after a brilliant year in 2002 as Auburn's offensive coordinator. At Auburn he will always be remembered as the guy who put the game plan together to beat No. 9 Alabama 17-7 at Tuscaloosa last November. Petrino, it turns out, got an assist in getting the Louisville job from an unlikely source: Cardinal basketball coach Rick Pitino.

When John L. Smith bolted for Michigan State, Pitino told athletics director Tom Jurich that it might be a good idea to consider a fellow Italian. In fact Pitino spoofed the conversation in a video presentation prior to a Louisville basketball game.

"I said, 'Tom, let's keep it in the family,'" Pitino said in his best Godfather voice.

Petrino was Louisville's offensive coordinator in 1998 when the Cardinals led the nation in scoring and total offense.





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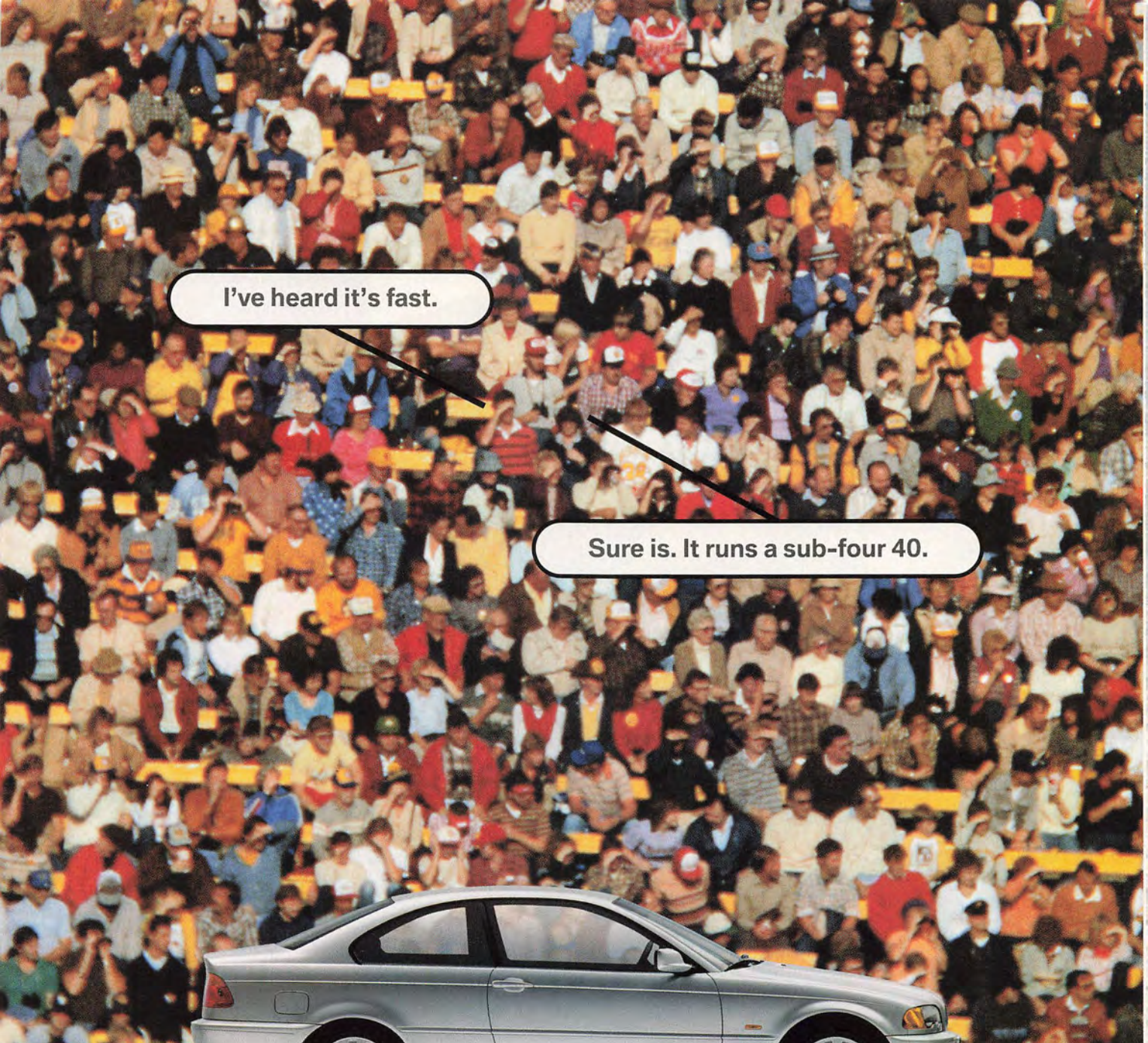
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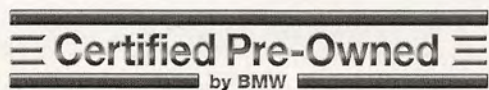


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OverSigning

It's Legal, But is it Ethical?

By Brian Douglas

When a referee surveys the football field and can count more than 11 helmets of the same color, his hand goes straight for the yellow flag.

Illegal participation — too many men on the field — is a common enough call on a given Saturday in the fall when the college game is going strong.

Come winter, however, those flags stay in their pockets.

College football recruiting, it seems, is a different game, one in which the limit of 25 players per incoming signing class is more of a guideline than a set-in-stone mandate from the NCAA.

To be certain, no team will bring in more than 25 players in a class, and no team will be allowed to exceed the 85-player limit of scholarships allowed per Division I-A institution. So why are there so many recruiting classes that exceed the limit?

It's called oversigning, and it's a perfectly legal practice allowed by NCAA rules and abetted by techniques like juco placement and so-called "greysirting." There's a quiet debate, however, over whether it's perfectly ethical.

Some coaches do it with abandon, others proceed with caution, and others don't do it at all.

It's an accepted practice, though, that faces little challenge. Further, there are reasons to believe oversigning is beneficial; it allows teams to maintain their full contingent of players, thus maximizing the number of student-athletes reaping the benefits that come with a college football scholarship.

Yet some programs apply the practice in a way that raises a number of red flags, leading some to say that when a team oversigns, the players are the ones who get penalized.

NEW MATH: why teams oversign, why teams don't

University of Memphis head coach Tommy West knew that a working knowledge of Xs and Os, along with some leadership skills, were prerequisites to his chosen career path of college coaching. He never knew he'd become a part-time guidance counselor, too.

He knows how to interpret a transcript and what evidence to look for when evaluating a prospect's chance of qualifying academically.

"You look at tardies, grades, you get a good idea if a player will make it or not," West says. "I didn't know it, but it's become that. Every (high) school is different. Some are really hard academically and a 2.5 there means a bunch. You figure he might make the test score. But you're rolling the dice. You bet on it, but how do you know? You better know what you are dealing with."

The fickle whims of high school football stars are well-documented, but when combined with the fact that their academic status is sometimes difficult to pin down, it becomes clearer why oversigning is an exception that the NCAA allows.

"They have to (allow it), to keep the numbers at 85," West says. "Because unless you drop all academic requirements, (if) I have four slip away and now I'm at 81. How do you know if they aren't going to qualify? I don't have a crystal ball."

It's a process that has existed since schools were first limited in the number of scholarships they could hand out, according to Damani Leech, an NCAA associate director of membership services.

"It allows them to exceed the limit as long as they don't end up with more than the maxi-

mum 25," Leech says. "Institutions are allowed to hedge their bets, so to speak. A lot of times until that final day of signing they don't know exactly who's coming."

Oversigning can even occur when a team signs fewer than 25 players in a class, because teams often have to be aware of attrition among upper-classmen, for a variety of reasons. West entered last spring with 91 players but knew that by the fall he'd lose several players to academic issues.

"Usually we oversign enough so that we don't end up short when all the dust clears," says South Carolina defensive tackles coach Paul Lounsberry. "We realize that some on the team may not make it. It's a liquid number that you have to play around with."

Tennessee coach Phil Fulmer signed 22 this past February. He says he could have signed two more players but was saving some scholarships for deserving walk-ons.

Still, he sees the value of oversigning.

"I think it's OK. We would do that," Fulmer says. "Because you're able to place kids in junior college or prep school and get them back. It's not something we've done much, but I think it's an OK way to do things. We've kept it to a minimum, but when we have, guys have come back and done quite well."

Oklahoma State coach Les Miles and his staff signed 31 players in February.

"This is easily the best recruiting class we've had since I've been here," says Miles of his third class as the Cowboys' head coach. "I've been at Michigan, Colorado, and I think it compares favorably to a number of great recruiting classes I saw at those places."

So what happens to the extra players? Coaches have several options when trimming down to the allowed numbers of 25 and 85, and the two most popular are sending acade-

mic non-qualifiers to junior colleges (ideally to be retrieved in two years), and scholarship deferral. Coaches commonly ask borderline prospects to enroll the following January. This practice, called "greyshirting," forces the player to miss out on the fall, but he gets in an extra spring practice without losing eligibility.

Miles' class includes an unusually large number of players who will have to defer or attend junior college, but the coach says it's something those players understood up front.

"We try to identify the best people we can," Miles says. "If some are good people and deserve an opportunity to be at a four-year college, we get them. If they can't get in we send them to a junior college with the opportunity to get them back in two years. Not only that, but we've signed some who qualified though they weren't predicted to."

That's a good thing, but doesn't that point to the danger involved in oversigning? "Well, it's their responsibility to qualify, but if they don't, we'll have a plan for them," Miles says. "They realize this school is looking forward to bringing them back in two years."

Miles says he actually ran out of room and responsibly cut off recruiting. He adds that the practice is mandatory because of academic regulations, and he sees no reason to curtail oversigning.

"How do you determine (academic status)?" Miles says. "The teacher said he was taking enough courses, but he doesn't qualify. What are you supposed to do, eat that scholarship? That doesn't make sense to me, and not to the players, either. My way of thinking, you can only have 25. We all know that, and we abide by those rules. You're better off being allowed to recruit aggressively until the final day."

"We're committed to everyone we sign. We may not bring them all in with that freshman class, but they have an opportunity to come back to Oklahoma State, just on an extended timeline."

West empathizes and says oversigning is a tool that can be used for all the right reasons.

"You talk about hard. Balancing these numbers is hard," West says. "If I cut my assistants loose they'd sign 50! That's their job. My job is to say no, we're done at that position. You know you can't be over, because one thing you're never going to do is sign up a player and then tell him he can't come."

OVER BITE

There is a flip side to the issue. All those numbers on paper are real people who can get hurt by the process.

Tennessee high school football coach Carlton Flatt has seen it.

Flatt, the coach at Nashville-area power Brentwood Academy, understands that attrition from injuries and transfers happens in football and that schools need to keep their rosters full. But he's also seen what happens when colleges covet one too many and later decide to make a change.

"I had a child pushed out, and I didn't like that at all," Flatt says. "There's still some resentment over that."

He declines to identify the player by name, but says he was a kicker in the early '90s who signed with Florida State and played one season. But when the Seminoles had three kickers in camp, they decided one had to go.

"If they can't get in we send them to a junior college with the opportunity to get them back in two years."

Oklahoma State head coach Les Miles



Oklahoma State's Les Miles calls his 2003 recruiting class "easily the best...we've had since I've been here." The Cowboys signed 31 players – but only 25 can enroll at OSU this fall.

"They withdrew his scholarship on the last day they could do it," Flatt says. "I called coach (Bobby) Bowden to get his side of the story, but they never called me back. I'm not happy with those people today. (The player) went to another school. He was lucky because his family could afford to pay his way. It would have been a real tragedy if they hadn't been able to afford (tuition)."

Florida State coaches have since returned to the talent-rich Tennessee school, but not without hearing from Flatt.

"I told them I wanted them to know I was doing my best not to have hard feelings, because I didn't want my feelings to interfere

with (the recruiting process)."

Another high school coach in north Mississippi tells a story about one of his players who got pushed out in a regime change.

According to the coach, who asked that neither he nor the player be identified, an SEC school hired a new coach who was more interested in bringing on board his own players than dealing with the players left by the former staff. The player was one of seven whose scholarships were rescinded.

The coach says he was told it had nothing to do with any irregularity, but that the new staff simply didn't feel the player was talented enough to play at the school.

"When you take a job, you inherit what's there," the coach says. "You're talking about 18- and 19-year-old kids. It just seems unfair, but maybe it's an unfair business. Maybe that's the problem, that it's more of a business now than the original premise on which it was based."

Even high school coaches who haven't had a direct experience with oversigning are wary of what it could mean to their players.

"I think they're banking on the fact they'll get the best of both worlds," says Bill Blankenship, head football coach at Tulsa Union. "They'll sign some kids and be able to put them in junior college. But if that doesn't happen, then someone's going to get to have that private conference where the coach tells them they can't play there, they have to go somewhere else."

Dennis Dunn has had a number of highly recruited players at Shreveport's Evangel Christian School and deals with several college programs each year.

"(Oversigning) hasn't affected any of our kids so far, so I haven't really thought about it, but if it did ever affect me negatively I would have an opinion," Dunn says. "It's a crap shoot really when colleges do it. Say you sign 27 and all of them qualify. You've got problems. Then here you go trying to figure out what to do, and someone gets hurt. It brings up interesting thoughts for me."

Oversigning presents coaches with myriad temptations they wouldn't face if it didn't exist. Older players teetering on the brink of academic failure might get more tutoring instead of being shoved out the door for the next available freshman. And nothing prevents the use of oversigning as a ticket to free positive publicity of a top-rated recruiting class from the multitude of media, who often don't take into account that five members of a 30-player class won't see the field next fall.

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Basketball (Early Period)	November 13, 2003	November 20, 2003
Basketball (Late Period)	April 16, 2003	May 15, 2003
Football (Majesty JC Transfer)	December 18, 2002	January 15, 2003
Football (Regular Period)	February 5, 2003	April 1, 2003
Field Hockey, Soccer, M Water Polo	February 6, 2003	August 1, 2003
All Other Sports (Early Period)	November 13, 2002	November 20, 2002
All Other Sports (Late Period)	April 16, 2003	August 1, 2003

(Place an "X" on the proper line.)

IMPORTANT - READ CAREFULLY
It is important to read this entire document before signing it. This document is to be retained by you and two copies are to be returned to the institution, one of which will be filed with the appropriate conference commission. Copies transmitted by facsimile are considered to be valid.

1. **Initial Enrollment in Four-Year Institution.** This NLI is applicable only to prospective student-athletes who will be enrolling in four-year institutions for the first time as full-time students, except for 4-2-2 transfer students who are graduating from junior college as outlined in paragraph 8.b. With the exception of majesty transfer students in football, no prospective student-athletes enrolling at majesty shall sign an NLI.

2. **Financial Aid Requirement.** I must receive in writing an award indicating financial aid for the entire 2003-2004 academic year from the institution named in this document at the time of my signing. A majesty transfer student must receive financial aid for the remainder of the 2003-2004 academic year. The award letter shall list the terms and conditions of the award, including the amount and duration of the financial aid. If such conditions are not met, the NLI shall be declared null and void. I understand that I shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of intercollegiate athletics competition in all sports, except as otherwise provided in this NLI. This is in addition to any eligibility expended at the institution at which I initially enrolled.

a. **Professional Sports Contract.** If I sign a professional sports contract, I will remain bound by the provisions of this NLI in all other sports, even if this institution named in this document is prohibited from making athletically-related financial aid available to the sport in which I signed under NCAA rules.

3. **Provisions of Letter Agreement.**

a. **One-Year Attendance Requirement Met.** The terms of this NLI shall be satisfied if I attend this institution named in this document for at least one academic year.

b. **Junior College Graduation.** The terms of this NLI shall be satisfied if I graduate from junior college after signing this NLI while in high school or during my first year of full-time enrollment in junior college, provided it is not the year I am scheduled to graduate from junior college.

4. **Basic Penalty.** I understand that if I do not attend the institution named within this document for one full academic year, and I enroll in another institution participating in the NLI program, I may not represent the latter institution in intercollegiate athletics competition until I have completed two full academic years of residence at the latter institution. Further, I understand that I shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of intercollegiate athletics competition in all sports, except as otherwise provided in this NLI. This is in addition to any eligibility expended at the institution at which I initially enrolled.

a. **Early Signing Period Penalties.** A prospective student-athlete who signs an NLI during the early signing period (November 13-20, 2002) will be ineligible for practice and competition in football for a one-year period and also shall be charged with the loss of two seasons of competition in the sport of football.

5. **Qualified Release Agreement.** A Qualified Release Agreement shall be provided in the event the institution and I mutually agree to release each other from any obligation to the NLI. I understand that I receive this qualified release agreement; I shall not be eligible for competition at a second NLI institution during my first academic year of residence there, and I shall lose a season of competition. This form must be signed by my parent, my legal guardian, or me and the Director of Athletics of the institution named in the document, and I must file a copy of this agreement with the conference office that governs the NLI. (A Qualified Release Agreement may be obtained from the NLI website: www.national-letter.org/documents.)

a. **Authority to Release.** A coach is not authorized to visit, cancel or give a release to this NLI.

b. **Existence of the Qualified Release Agreement.** The provisions of the Qualified Release Agreement shall apply to all participating institutions and shall not be conditional or selective by institution.

6. **Appeal Process.** I understand that the NLI Steering Committee has been authorized to issue interpretations, settle disputes and consider petitions for a full release from the provisions of this NLI where there are extenuating circumstances. I further understand that no decision may be appealed to the NLI Appeals Committee, whose decision shall be final and binding.

7. **Letter Becomes Null and Void.** This NLI shall be declared null and void if any of the following occurs:

a. **Admissions Requirement.** This NLI shall be declared null and void, if the institution with which I signed notifies me in writing that I have been denied admission or by the opening day of classes, has failed to provide me with written notice of admission, provided I have submitted a complete admission application.

(1) It is presumed that I am eligible for admission and financial aid until information is submitted to the contrary. Thus, it is mandatory for me, upon request, to provide a transcript of my previous academic record and an application for admission to the institution named in this document.

(2) If I am eligible for admission, but the institution named in this document defers admission to a subsequent term, this NLI shall be declared null and void. However, if I defer my admission, the NLI remains binding.

b. **Eligibility Requirements.** This NLI shall be declared null and void, if, by the opening day of classes in the fall of 2002, I have not met (a) the institution's requirements for admissions, (b) its academic requirements for financial aid or athletics, OR (c) the NCAA requirements for freshman football (NCAA Bylaw 14.3) or the junior college transfer rule.

(1) If I become a nonqualifier per NCAA Bylaw 14.3, this NLI shall be declared null and void.

(2) If I am a sophomore junior college football transfer student, the NLI remains binding for the following fall term if I am eligible for admission and financial aid and meet the junior college transfer requirements for competition for the winter or spring term, but I choose to delay my admission.

c. **One-Year Absence.** This NLI shall be null and void if I have not attended any institution or institution, including a junior college, that does not participate in the NLI Program for at least one academic year after signing this NLI, provided my request for readmission is not for a subsequent fall term is not approved by the institution with which I signed. To receive this waiver, I must file with the appropriate conference commissioner a statement from the Director of Athletics of the institution named in the document that such financial aid will not be available to me for the requested fall term.

d. **Service in the U.S. Armed Forces, Church Mission.** This NLI shall be null and void if I serve an active duty with the armed forces of the United States or an official church mission for at least eighteen (18) months.

e. **Discontinued Sport.** This NLI shall be null and void if my sport is discontinued by the institution named in the document.

f. **Recruiting Rule Violation.** If the institution for a representative of its athletic interest named in this document violated NCAA or conference rules while recruiting me, as found through the NCAA or conference enforcement process or acknowledged by the institution, this NLI shall be declared null and void. Such declaration shall not take place until all appeals to the NCAA or conference for restoration of eligibility have been concluded.

g. **Only One NLI Permitted.** I understand that I may sign only one valid NLI, except as listed below.

a. **Subsequent Signing Year.** If this NLI is rendered null and void under 7, I remain free to enroll in any institution of my choice where I am admitted and shall be permitted to sign another NLI in a subsequent signing year.

b. **Junior College Exception.** If I signed a NLI while in high school or during my first year of full-time enrollment in junior college, I may sign another NLI in the signing year in which I am scheduled to graduate from junior college. If I graduate, the second NLI shall be binding on me; otherwise, the original NLI I signed shall remain valid.

c. **Recruiting Ban After Signing.** I understand that all participating conferences and institutions are obligated to respect my signing and shall consider recruit me upon my signing this NLI. I shall notify any recruiter who contacts me that I have signed. Once I enroll in the institution with which I signed, the provisions of NCAA Bylaw 12.1.3 shall govern.

d. **Institutional Signatures Required Prior to Submission.** The NLI must be signed and dated by the Director of Athletics or his/her authorized representative before submission to me and my parents (or legal guardian) for my signatures. This NLI may be mailed prior to the initial signing date. When a NLI is mailed prior to the initial signing date, the "date of issuance" shall be the initial signing date and not the date that the NLI was signed or mailed by the institution.

e. **Parent/Guardian Signature Required.** My parent or legal guardian is required to sign this NLI if I am less than 21 years of age at the time of my signing, regardless of my marital status. If I do not have a living parent or a legal guardian, this NLI may be signed by the person who is acting in the capacity of a guardian. An explanation of the circumstances shall accompany this NLI.

f. **Falsification of NLI.** If I falsify any part of this NLI, or if I have knowledge that my parent or guardian falsified any part of this NLI, I understand that I shall forfeit the first two years of my eligibility at any NLI participating institution as outlined in Item 4.

g. **14-Day Signing Deadline.** If my parent or legal guardian and I fail to sign this NLI within 14 days of issuance to me, it will be invalid. In that event, another NLI may be issued within the appropriate signing period. (NOTE: This does not apply to the early signing period.)

h. **Institutional Filing Deadline.** This NLI must be filed with the appropriate conference by the institution named in this document within 21 days after the date of final signature or it will be invalid. In that event, another NLI may be issued.

i. **No Additions or Deletions Allowed to NLI.** No additions or deletions may be made to this NLI or the Qualified Release Agreement.

j. **Official Time for Validity.** This NLI shall be considered to be officially signed on the final date of signature by myself or my parent (or guardian). If no time of day is listed, then 11:59 p.m. is presumed.

k. **Statute of Limitations.** This NLI shall carry a four-year statute of limitations.

l. **Nullification of Other Agreements.** My signature on this NLI nullifies any agreements, oral or otherwise, which would release me from the conditions stated within this NLI.

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that a player who ends up in a junior college will be welcomed back to his original school.

"That's very common," says Pasadena City College coach Tom Maher, who operates within the vast California junior college system. Many of his players go on to successful Division I-A careers, but some never get that chance.

"Kentucky placed a kid here," Maher

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says, not revealing the player's name. "A cornerback who wasn't fast enough. We had to move him to safety. They didn't want him back."

Schools have no obligation to honor that original letter of intent.

"Most of the time they want them back, but sometimes they don't develop," says Northwest Mississippi Community College coach Bobby Franklin.

Yet Franklin says there are some coaches who aren't initially sure of a player's quality and will try to send a player off to junior college to see if he develops.

"Sometimes they try to put one off on you," Franklin says. "Everyone's evaluation is a little different, but we only want the players (placed here) that were highly recruited to start with."

It's scenarios like these that make some college coaches — and entire conferences — cautious about oversigning.

Former Florida assistant Jim Collins went with boss Steve Spurrier to the Washington Redskins last year, but says that during his time in college he, and the entire Florida staff, avoided oversigning.

"We didn't make a practice of doing it," says Collins, who was at Florida for 12 years. "Our general policy was not to oversign."

"The athletic director and coach Spurrier felt that once we'd made a commitment to a player it lasted. We had asked them to commit to us; in turn ours to them had to be solid also. Spurrier's philosophy was always if you're in our pro-

gram, going to class, working as hard as you can to get your degree and doing everything you can to be the best football player you can be, then whether you're an All-American or a good scout team player, our commitment should stand."

But Collins, in a statement that sums up exactly why coaches across the country oversigned this season and will continue to do it in the future, remembers just one

year the Gators did oversign: "I believe we had the highest-rated recruiting class in the nation that year."

Fulmer says moderation is the key.

"You see sometimes teams go eight or 10 over, and only a couple work out," he says. "That's not healthy for anyone — the image of the school and the program or the player."

It was for these reasons that the Big Ten banned oversigning for years before only recently capitulating to conference coaches and allowing them a limited access to the rule.

"I think it was a student-athlete welfare issue," says Sue Lister, associate commissioner of the Big Ten. "In the minds of our faculty representatives, if oversigning takes place it becomes a question of, 'How's the attrition going to take place? Are they going to run kids off the team?' That's something the faculty representatives are strongly against. The welfare of the student-athlete is considered above any competitive edge oversigning might give you."

But other conferences were using that against the Big Ten in various ways. The most obvious was their ability to sign players who would have to go on to junior college.

Even though these scholarships mean nothing in two years when the player is ready to re-sign somewhere, the connection the player already has established with the school usually holds.

Players who leave haven't always been forced out, either. Some Big Ten football

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coaches made this case to conference officials, and starting with the last recruiting class were granted the ability to sign three over the maximum number allowed.

"Football is a larger pool of players, so there's more natural attrition," Lister says. "That's why we decided to allow what we allow now, three over the maximum. Schools will be accounting for any non-renewal of scholarships."

New Big Ten head coach John L. Smith recently jumped from Louisville in Conference USA to Michigan State, but he says the new restrictions he faces are fine.

"Normally you can't oversign more than the Big Ten allows us to, anyway," Smith says. "Too much oversigning will make you a roller coaster football team. Why would you want to try to sign 28? Because after a while you'll have to have a much smaller class, and you'll go from 28 seniors to eight or 10, and you're only as good as your seniors. The only time a coach wants to do that is when he's under pressure to win now, and he needs to fill the cupboard just to save his job."

Indiana coach Gerry DiNardo says his school pushed for the legislation to allow Big Ten schools to oversign shortly after he arrived.

"I would say someone could be ill-intended with or without this rule (against oversigning)," says DiNardo, who previously coached at both LSU, a school that regularly oversigns, and Vanderbilt, one that doesn't. "Preventing it doesn't make a bad person good, and allowing it doesn't make a good person bad. I maintain that I don't know any coach who would run a player off. Besides, even without oversigning I could still run players off if I was like that."

Lister says the league plans to closely monitor the new policy to see if it is abused and whether or not the rule needs to expand to other sports. She says the conference stands by the original sentiment expressed when it banned oversigning more than a decade ago.

"You make a lot of promises when you ask someone to come play for you," Lister says. "There should be something that binds you to that."

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Considering the Big Ten's recent capitulation, it's doubtful other conferences will ever ban or limit oversigning.

"Every once in a while the issue pops up," says Mike Matthews, the assistant commissioner of the Pac-10. "I know the Big Ten made a rule against it, but they loosened it up a bit. I have no strong feeling either way about it. It's allowed by NCAA rules. It's up to each institution to work through the process. There's a lot of reasons why it's allowed beyond academics."

Yet there are a handful of schools, like Vanderbilt, that are severely limited in their access to the rule because of high academic standards.

"People oversign because they want a guarantee they'll get (25)," Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson says. "There's always a danger that you'll get right down to the end and there's one guy you're saving a scholarship for who's not telling you until signing day what he's going to do. You've got to save a scholarship, because if you have 25 committed and he comes, too,

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Sue Lister, Big Ten associate commissioner



"Our thing is: do right by a young man," says Memphis coach Tommy West. "You've got to look yourself in the mirror. I've got a son, too. If you offer and he commits to you, by George you're expected to live up to your end."

you've got 26, and since all of them will get in here there's no way we can reduce it. It makes it a little tougher on us."

Yet even the Commodores aren't ready to toss it overboard. "I agree with it," Johnson says. "It sort of protects (other schools) and gives them a chance to get a full class. As long as they have 25 in the end, they are working within the rules."

But say the NCAA one day bans oversigning? "I wouldn't cry over it," Johnson says flatly. "I think it would help us."

SEC associate commissioner Greg Sankey says his league keeps constant watch on all recruiting issues.

"It's being talked about and monitored by the league, but it's obviously not something

we've set a formal policy on at this time," Sankey says. "Those issues have been discussed, although I'm not sure about specifics. It's something I know is a topic of conversation. It's discussed among faculty athletic representatives. I think it's an issue we'll continue to monitor, and one that should continue to be discussed nationally, also."

Leech says the NCAA doesn't have an opinion on the issue because it's legal and because it has not faced any challenges. Every time a rule

is questioned, the NCAA comes up with an interpretation for the given situation. He knows of no interpretations of the oversigning rule, leading him to conclude that it hasn't been questioned much. He knows of no proposals before the NCAA seeking to alter oversigning rules, either.

Coaches interviewed for this story rush to add that no coach wants to ask a player to leave, whether he's a victim of oversigning or not.

"It's our fault," West says. "We evaluated him and we recruited him. It was our failing that he didn't reach the level he needed (to play). So I always find another place (school) for him to play."

Fulmer says attrition happens, and it isn't always because a coach wants to make room for Parade All-Americans.

"There's a lot of reasons someone might not be in your program," he says. "A lot of times it's homesickness, or personal problems at home. Things that are nobody's fault. Everyone wants to make like you're running him off. I don't know a coach in the country that doesn't want everyone he's signed to have success."

Lounsberry says the bottom line is that very few coaches abuse the rule, but many schools benefit from it.

"There's a place for oversigning, and I think it's a positive thing," Lounsberry says. "I don't know how you could abuse it. What are you going to do, tell a good player you don't have room for him?"

And the players who aren't making the cut? "A lot of times these guys leave anyway because they know they aren't going to play," Lounsberry says. "It's not that you're running them out. They realize they're not going to play."

In the end, perhaps the best philosophy — the one those players and their families are banking on from their future coaches — is the one West espouses. Not because it helps make his team a bowl contender, but because it helps him sleep soundly at night.

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Insiders forum

They are the voices — written and spoken — of college football. In the case of studio hosts like Kirk Herbstreit, they tell us what to expect, then analyze what we've just seen. In the case of newspaper reporters like Tony Barnhart, they keep us close to the programs we live and die with. In the case of color analysts like Todd Blackledge, they help us understand and appreciate the game we are watching through simple observations and knowledge of the game's intricacies.

What better group to assess the state of the game?

Athlon gathered together the game's premier analysts and journalists for a forum on the issues confronting college football, and a celebration of the game's unique appeal.

If you did not have to work on college football Saturday and could just be a fan, what game would you most want to see?

Herbstreit: Of course being an Ohio State alum and the fact that the rivalry continues to be one of the greatest in all of sports, the Ohio State vs. Michigan game is one I would love to attend. As far as flat-out great atmosphere year in and year out, it's Oklahoma vs. Texas in the Red River Shootout, which we have been to the last two years, where the atmosphere is unprecedented. You have half the stadium crimson and the other half burnt orange, split right down the middle. It is amazing to see that. And the other one is Miami vs. Florida State. What's interesting with that is that it would have to be at the Orange Bowl. If you never attended it, it is a game I suggest going to because it has kind of an urban flair. I don't know if you have ever been to an inner-city (basketball) high school game when someone goes up for a big dunk and the whole arena goes "woooooooo," that is how it is at the Orange Bowl when they have big hits. It's the college football version of the Black Hole with the Oakland Coliseum.

Blackledge: I think because I have never been to it, the Oklahoma vs. Texas game.

Ramsey: Having gotten recruited to play at Notre Dame, and shunning them, I'd actually like to go to a game in South Bend.

Insider Bios

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Todd Blackledge — color commentator, CBS sports; quarterback Penn State (1980-82), Kansas City Chiefs (1983-87), Pittsburgh Steelers (1988-89)

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Moran: Army-Navy. And I wouldn't even have to think about it. If you were to tell me right now that I could by any two tickets for the upcoming season, including the Sugar Bowl ... I'd have to tell you right now, I'd say Army vs. Navy. Not just for the game, but the whole experience. And I don't care if they are 1-10. It doesn't matter. It is one of the greatest events of any sport.

Blaudschun: I would say the Auburn vs. Alabama game or Texas vs. OU game.

Murphy: I love that question. I took off the 1999 season from SI and spent a season with a DIII program in the middle of Minnesota. So my answer would be, I would go to a St. John's home game, preferably the St. Thomas game — their archrival — to soak up the college game in its purest form. The smell of the "johnnie bread", baked fresh by the Benedictine monks everyday. The site of the Natural Bowl, though it's a little less natural since they put in field turf last year. With the DIII game you sacrifice some size and speed but it is worth it. There is a little less urgency in the air and it is fun to fly beneath the radar.

Barnhart: Florida vs. Georgia in Jacksonville.

Light: Either an Alabama vs. Auburn or Texas vs. Texas A&M that had National Title ramifications. Either one of those games late in the year ... I don't think it would get any better than that.

Which programs would you consider sleeping giants?

Ramsey: If you would have asked me this question a year ago, my pick was Georgia. I think that turned out pretty well because they were a "sleeping giant" a year ago, and they proved it. Not a lot of people had them ranked in the Top 5, and I picked them in the Top 5 in what was kind of my own unauthorized poll.

Blaudschun: They were good a couple years ago but have fallen off, but for what they have, North Carolina is a sleeping giant. And also Virginia. From what I know, with Al Groh recruiting they could make a run to shake up Florida State a little bit in the ACC.

Murphy: Michigan State. To me with the tradition they have there, the conference they are in, and the population centers they are not too far from, I think Michigan State could be very good very soon. And I am keeping an eye on Missouri. I think Coach (Gary) Pinkel is really talented and I love their quarterback (Brad Smith). It seems like they have been so close for so long, but they actually still have a pretty proud tradition.

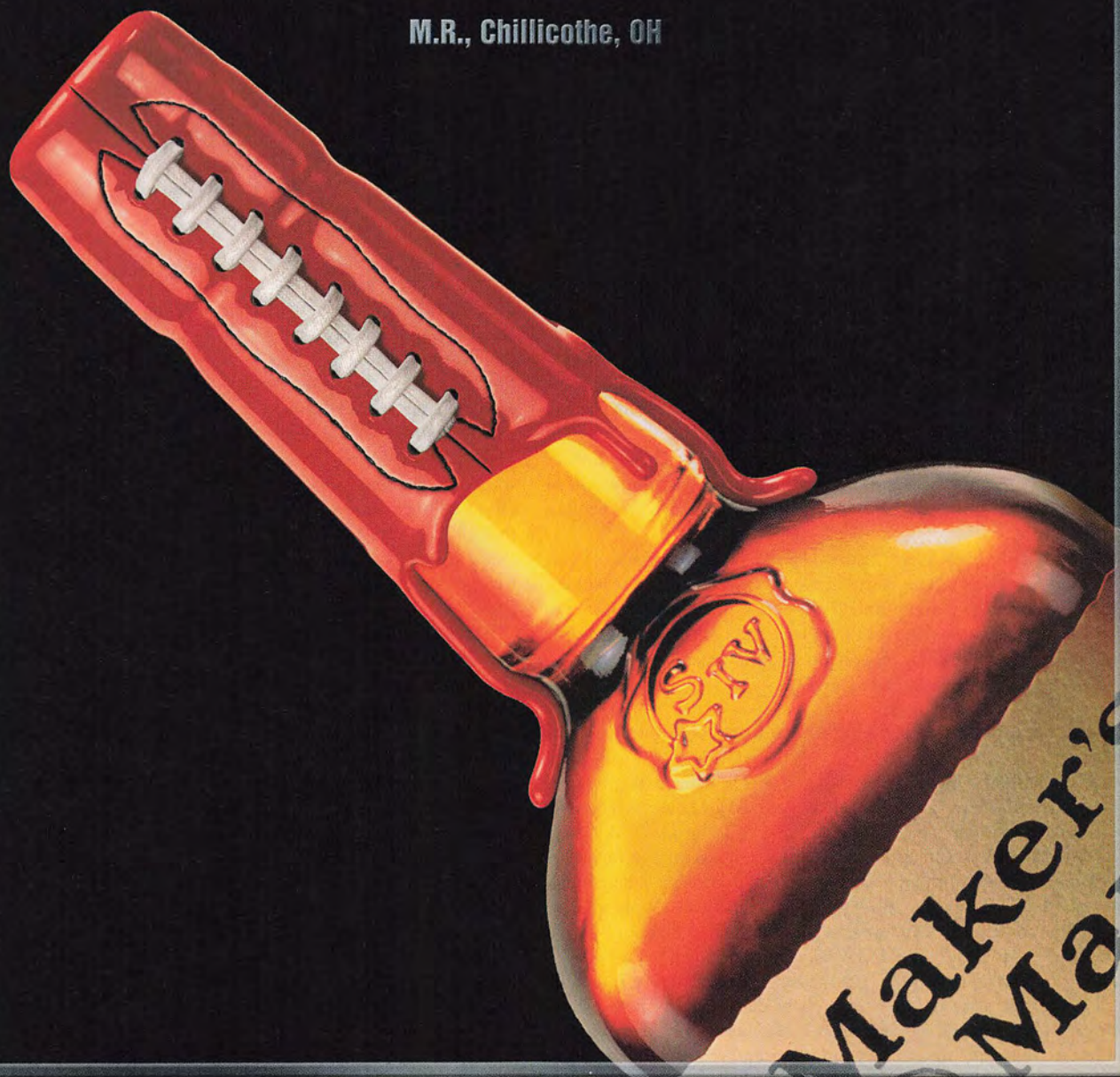
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Barnhart: Michigan State.
Light: I think a team like Virginia can be a dominant team in the ACC. Al Groh has recruited extremely well so far and they had a great year with so many young players last year. I think they can challenge Florida State every year for ACC titles and be a Top 10 team.

What would you consider the best coaching job in America? The best situation to be a coach in?

Ramsey: It is hard to argue with what Tyrone Willingham has at Notre Dame, although he left a great institution in Stanford. The other might be Florida. Out West you have Washington and USC that

have long-tenured winning traditions. Also, Tennessee. I worked a game down there and it is mind-boggling how many people show up to watch a Tennessee game. And Michigan; you can't exclude them because of who they are.

Blaudschun: Florida.

Herbstreit: I don't know if you can come up with just one. You'd probably have to come up with a top five. I would say Notre Dame, USC, Ohio State, Tennessee and Texas.

Blackledge: I would say Miami because of the wealth of talent right in their backyard. I think it gives them a superior advantage over other teams in their conference.

Moran: I don't think there really is one anymore. Maybe it is a consistent Ivy League program — in terms of being able to teach the game and make a difference with players and have the type of experience you want to talk about at the 25-year reunion down the road.

Light: Florida and Texas are probably right up there. They both have great programs, great fans, and both are good academic institutions so you can sell that as well. Those are, in my opinion, the two premier jobs in the country.

Murphy: It has to be Notre Dame. The very syllables running off your lips conjure positive images of excellence, whether or not the school has lately lived up to it. If you put the right person in the Notre Dame job it is just an equation looking for the variable and right now Notre Dame has the right variable. They are going to be great again, very soon.

Barnhart: The University of Florida.

Do you think there is a style difference from conference to conference?

Blaudschun: Yeah. The Big Ten, and this is a cliché, their style is more physical whereas the SEC is more speed. As a whole they generally recruit differently and play differently.

Herbstreit: Yes. I think systems become trendy for three or four years then the other side of the ball catches up. The things that were popular maybe 10 or 15 years ago all of a sudden come back. What you see within the conferences if you were to break it down, is that out West, in the Pac-10, it is kind of like the WAC used to be when I was a kid — teams with great quarterbacks, great passing games and they throw the ball all over the place and they play average defense. Right now, I think the Big 12 has emerged as the premier conference because they can do a variety of things on offense. They can run or throw and they have dominating defenses. I still think to be considered a great team or a great conference it goes right back to defense. You have to be able to play great

defense. And I think that is why the Big 12, in the last couple of years, has emerged as the power conference in college football. I think the Big Ten is starting to pick up some ground because their defense also improved this year.

Ramsey: Absolutely. You look at the SEC; you have a larger student-athlete on the offensive and defensive lines. The kids are a little bit bigger. In the Big Ten and Big 12, you are going to see that running the football is going to be very important. Then you go out West and you have a bunch of speed on the periphery with defensive backs, wide receivers, quarterbacks and running backs that can come out of the backfield and catch the ball. The linemen don't appear to be as big, top to bottom, as maybe an SEC school or a Big 12 school in Texas or Oklahoma.

Blackledge: There is still a little bit of that but not nearly as much as there used to be. I think there is still more of an emphasis on running the football in the Big Ten than there is in the Pac-10 because when you get into late October or November you aren't going to be guaranteed good throwing weather. But it is not like it used to be where it was the brawn of the Big Ten versus the flash of the Pac-10. There are a lot more people doing similar things than there ever used to be.

Light: I think that is a little overblown. For the most part, teams in all leagues try to do the same thing. You've got to be big and physical, you've got to run the ball and stop the run and you have to have speed. The SEC has a lot of speed, the Big Ten is known for being more physical, but I think for the most part the level of play is pretty much the same.

Who is the best college football player you have seen in the last 10 years?

Moran: Orlando Pace. I honestly thought that if Ohio State had been able to beat Michigan that year he would have had a real shot at winning the Heisman. He did things that players at that position should not be capable of doing.

Blackledge: Michael Vick.

Herbstreit: Michael Vick, without a question. He is basically a tailback who can throw the ball 75-80 yards with accuracy. He is by far the most electric and dominating player that I have seen in the last 10 years.

Ramsey: Carson Palmer put on an exhibition last year. I was thoroughly impressed with his game and what he did. I remember watching Orlando Pace on film, and I saw him squash people. And there's Charles Woodson at Michigan. I thought he was an absolutely stellar athlete who could run, jump, and catch the ball. LaDainian Tomlinson was pretty good. He was the full-package guy.

Light: I would probably say Michael Vick. I remember seeing him as a redshirt freshman and just being amazed at his skill level. He did everything well.



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If you could have the best player in the country at one position other than quarterback, which position would you choose?

Barnhart: Defensive tackle because a defensive tackle, if he's a great one, a real great one — we are talking Leroy Selmon-great — has a chance to dictate what the other team can do more than any single player, other than the quarterback.

Ramsey: It would be center. I want a guy who controls the line of scrimmage and can make a lot of the line calls and not burden the quarterback with making those line calls. And next, of course, would be a great wide receiver. I think I'd choose a center before a wide receiver.

Moran: Outside linebacker. I am talking about a Lawrence Taylor-type. If you could have that caliber of an athlete and have the ability to turn him loose from that position, I think that player would have the greatest impact.

Blaudschun: I would take an outside linebacker. When you have an outstanding outside linebacker, you make the other team change the entire game plan because of that one player. It has been awhile, but when Lawrence Taylor went to North Carolina, people had to change everything around him and it certainly proved true when he was in the NFL with the Giants. When you have a truly great linebacker, that is a tough position to handle.

Murphy: Give me a monster down linemen that is going to create havoc, beat double-teams and get sacks on his own. I thought Ohio State's ability to disrupt Miami's offensive line had everything to do with that upset.

Blackledge: I think I'd want to have the best defensive tackle. I'd want someone who can be a total disrupter on the inside and pressure the quarterback.

Herbstreit: I would take corners. If you can find corners who can cover people, it allows you defensively to come up with some schemes and take some chances and be pretty creative with your packages because of the flexibility of feeling confident that your corners can cover some wide receivers in man-to-man situations. If you have that with a defense then that is going to allow you to do a lot of things.

Who do you consider to be the best X's and O's coach in the game?

Herbstreit: Offensively I would pick two guys — Walt Harris at Pittsburgh for his offensive play-calling ability and Ralph Friedgen at Maryland for the same reason, his ability to put a game plan together and call plays. And Mike Bellotti (at Oregon). If you look at all the offensive coordinators over the years that have come through Eugene, it all started with Mike Bellotti. He has an aggressive nature with the play calling, which I appreciate. Defensively, I'd say Bob and Mike Stoops at Oklahoma.

Ramsey: I think some guys are really good on offense, some guys are really good on defense. Nick Saban is pretty good. Pete Carroll is an X and

O guy. Phil Fulmer is an X and O guy. I would be remiss to say Larry Coker is not an X and O. With what he achieved with his team, you have to be a good X and O guy.

Moran: Given the role that head coaches have now it is more of a staff thing than one guy. I think (Joe) Paterno and his staff are as good as anybody. I know there are a lot of people in Pennsylvania that will raise their

eyebrows at that because it has been fashionable to say Joe has lost it (but) I still think Joe and his staff do as good a job as anybody.

Blaudschun: Bob Stoops. I would not want to go against him in a game.

Blackledge: I like Mike Bellotti at Oregon on offense. I like Bob Stoops on defense, the way they get after people. I think Pete Carroll and his staff have done a really nice job.

Murphy: Oklahoma defensive coordinator Mike Stoops.

Barnhart: The coach of the Washington Redskins right now (Steve Spurrier). Other than that, Lou Holtz.

Light: I think the Oklahoma staff as a whole, with Mike Stoops as the defensive coordinator and Bob as the head coach, have about as well-prepared a team as you'll see week in and week out.

Do the recruiting scandals that keep surfacing hurt the game, and specifically do they tarnish the image of a conference like the SEC?

Murphy: It is hard to quantify how much it hurts, but I think Americans have a threshold for disgust. Even diehard college football fans have a disgust threshold and we've been up around the threshold for a little too long.

Herbstreit: When it happens in bunches it really hurts a conference collectively, like what has happened in the SEC over the last two years. Instead of counting how many schools that are either on probation or being investigated, we are counting how many schools are not being investigated or on probation. When you have that, you have a problem.

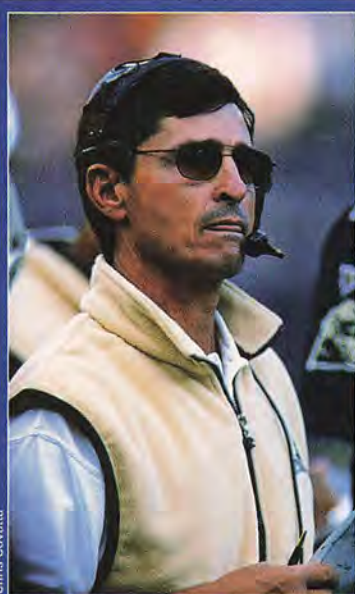
Ramsey: Any recruiting scandal hurts a team, hurts a conference, and hurts the governing body of the NCAA. The institutions have to be better at self-policing themselves and reporting themselves. That is what it boils down to.

Blaudschun: I think recruiting scandals tarnish the game, but I don't think they affect the game. I think fans move past it and they deal with it and just want to see quality play. I don't think the public cares that much. I have maintained this for years: If you have documented any school that cheated like mad, that school's fans don't care that they cheated. They just want them to play winning football.

Barnhart: They do tarnish the image of a conference because most people don't know the specifics; they watch it from afar and draw their own conclusions. It hurts because people use specific cases and draw vast generalizations about leagues and conferences, and that is never good for a conference.

Light: It definitely tarnishes the national image of a conference like the SEC. I think people look at the league like a bunch of outlaws. I think it hurts the game and is one of the major issues facing college football.

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What is the most intimidating venue for a visiting team?

Herbstreit: A night game at Lane Stadium (Virginia Tech). It is pretty scary. I would also say when Florida or Tennessee are really good, it is tough to go into the Swamp or Neyland Stadium. Don't forget the 12th man at Texas A&M.

Blackledge: I think Lincoln, Nebraska has to be up there. I think the Swamp is one because of the noise and the heat. I know everybody says LSU, but I have never done a game there at night, and the games that I've done there, I can see it is a great place, but I haven't sensed what people say about it. I was also impressed with Auburn.

Ramsey: Tennessee. Also Husky Stadium (at Washington) is not a pleasant place to play. Eugene, Ore., has turned into a pretty difficult place to play for opposing teams.

Blaudschun: As far as the venue and the quality of the team, I think it is pretty hard to win at Miami, obviously. I think Florida Field is pretty tough, as well.

Moran: Tennessee in the one that comes to mind. Not just because of the numbers, although obviously it's pretty impressive, but the layout of the stadium and the fact that the noise comes straight down. I've also been there when they played a game a night and most of the people seemed very well-lubricated with Tennessee products, and that doesn't hurt the noise level either.

Murphy: I haven't been there in about 10 years, but I still remember the smell of bourbon at LSU. LSU at night has been the most wide-eyed I have ever been watching a game. I thought I was intimidated watching the game, but I had to sort of navigate the campus to get back to my car afterwards. You have to be careful or else you are going to step in some frat boy's vomit.

Barnhart: A night game at Florida.

Light: I'd say Florida is pretty tough. Any stadium you pick with a night game is usually more intimidating. So maybe a night game at Florida Field.

Florida



Are there too many bowls in your opinion?

Barnhart: If you are a rank-and-file fan there are too many bowls because you don't understand what they mean. If you are a college football player or football coach or a school there are not too many bowls. It depends on your point of view.

Herbstreit: Yes, and this is coming from a guy who actually enjoys the bowl system. I think it hurts the image of the bowl when you turn on a game and you have 10,000 or 15,000 people in a 60,000 or 70,000 seat stadium. I am all for kids getting rewarded for having a great year but I am not a fan of teams that are 6-5 or 6-6 going to bowl games.

Ramsey: Yes. But on the other hand, if they are financially supported, I am all for it. It is when you have a game that no one shows up at and the teams' fans can't travel for economic reasons and they can't sell all the seats — then you have too many bowls. But I think it's a great reward for teams that go to bowls. It's a great reward at the end of their season.

Blaudschun: Yes, without question.

Are you in favor of a playoff?

Ramsey: Absolutely in favor. Take the four winners of the four BCS bowls and put them in a two-week, four-team, three-game playoff format. Seed them one through four. The two winners play it off. You then have a true National Champion in college football.

Blaudschun: I was a big proponent of a playoff before this year. When I saw the Miami vs. Ohio State game, and I saw both of those teams play with that intensity, neither of them would have had anything left if they had another game to play after that. That changed my thinking around quite a bit. Obviously, you could say the games played in the first round of a playoff wouldn't be as emotional. But the intensity and energy and everything displayed by those teams ... I just don't see how they could do it. I changed my mind on that and went 180 degrees. There might be another way to do it, but I can't see a playoff working.

Murphy: I am. I'd like to see all of the bowl blazers piled up. I'd be willing to pour the kerosene on them and light the match. I have very little sympathy for our bowl system. I think it is corrupt. You have the conferences in bed with the bowls. "You'll take our seventh-place team..." Meanwhile you got a team like Toledo who beat Penn State a couple of years ago and won nine or 10 games and couldn't even get into a bowl. I know the BCS worked to perfection this year but it was an anomaly. Getting back to my DIII experience, there is a tremendous amount of excitement generated by a team's progression through a bracket, even if it is a small bracket, even if you just need to win two extra games to win a National Title. Don't come at me with, "but the boys can't miss that much class." The number of kids missing classes are narrowed with each week that passes. Playoffs are coming and good riddance to the old system when they finally get here.

Blackledge: I like the bowls. I think the BCS has been OK. I'd like to see some form of a playoff, but not a full-scale playoff that would replace bowl games. I'd like to see some compromise. I'd like to see eight teams in four bowl games and then you play two more weeks.

Barnhart: Opposed. Always have been. It is one of those things you need to be careful what you wish for or you just might get it.

Light: I am pro-playoff but not adamant about it like some people. In a perfect world we would have a 16-team playoff with automatic bids going to the champs of the current BCS conferences. The other five conference champs would get a bid if they were in the Top 25 of an RPI-like formula. The other spots would go to at-large teams.

Do you think fan web sites and message boards help or hurt the game?

Herbstreit: They hurt the game. I think the lunatics that get inside these chat rooms need to try to find a job. I think some of the rumors that are created in these chat rooms are ridiculous. Unfortunately some of these rumors, with no credibility, gain a lot of momentum and I think they hurt programs. It is definitely not healthy for the game and for the programs.

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Blaudschun: There is so much information out there and so many rumors that get put out there. In that regard, I think that it hurts the game. But it is just the world we live in right now and you have to deal with it.

Light: They help fans stay very interested and very into their team. But they can be damaging if players read them and pay too much attention because there is really some nasty stuff out there. Fans go psycho and overboard over a loss. I don't think players should read them.

Murphy: I think it is a wash. I think they help. I think the good they do is keeping the passion and giving fans an outlet for their passion. I think the good that does outweighs some of the truly negative remarks that can go up on these boards.

Barnhart: It doesn't hurt the game unless you are foolish enough to believe what you read on them.

Do you object to games being played on days other than Saturday? I know Thursday night is an established night but what about Tuesdays or Wednesdays?

Herbstreit: I like the Thursday/Saturday. The fan in me enjoys it. Prior to joining ESPN, Thursday night football kind of got your week-end started. You watch that game and it got you in the mood for what was to come the following weekend. So I am a little bit partial, even prior to working on that broadcast for the Thursday night games. The other games for me ... I mean I watch the games because I am a junkie, but I'd rather see games played on Thursday/Saturday.

Blaudschun: I think ESPN and the networks have made a mockery of it. I kind of balked at the Thursday night game at first, but you kind of get used to it and it is occasionally a good game. When you go Friday, Tuesday, Sunday, Monday, I think it is ridiculous. I think if ESPN went and told teams they could play Sunday morning at 8 o'clock because it is a great audience, they would do it. I think it is a disgrace.

Murphy: I know back in the day there was a concern that it would dilute interest in high school football, but I don't really see that happening. If I'm on the road and I can watch Louisville get it on with the Golden Eagles of Southern Miss on a Tuesday night ... it's all good.

Light: Not really because I enjoy college football a lot and I enjoy watching games any night. I am kind of a fan of the obscure games. I like watching Boise State play on a Friday night or a random C-USA game on a Tuesday. I understand why some people don't like them, but I enjoy college football any night of the week.

Should instant replay be brought to the game if the game is being televised?

Herbstreit: I'd like to see it. Referees are human and they make mistakes and with games becoming so important to these universities and these coaches it would be nice to have an eye in the sky and allow these coaches once a half to be able to throw their flag and have the play reviewed. I don't think that would hurt at all.

Ramsey: No. Just a flat no. It doesn't work in the NFL. It would be a horrible addition for college football.

Blaudschun: I think it should be at championship venues and post-season venues but not during the regular season.

Barnhart: Never, ever, ever.

Light: No. With an exception of a very few marquee games, there will not be enough cameras and camera angles to make it work.

Should fans be allowed to rush the field in celebration after a game?

Ramsey: I like when fans go onto the field. I also understand from a school perspective, you probably don't want to have to pay for goal posts week-in and week-out. But I like the enthusiasm.

Herbstreit: Without any question they should be on the field. That has been going on since college football began back in the 19th century. I think it is ridiculous that they try to have rules to keep fans off the field. If anything, get out of the way and let them celebrate. I don't think there is anything wrong with it. Now they are coming up with ideas like greasing the goal posts to prevent them from coming down and pepper spraying the kids when they come out. All these kind of things are absolutely asinine. It is part of the college experience, both as the player and the regular student, that if your team wins a big game it is a lot of fun to go out on the field while everybody celebrates with one another. If you take down the goal posts, you take down the goal posts ... big deal.

Light: No. Absolutely not. There is so much emotion on the field with the players after the game that the losing team shouldn't have to worry about getting off the field and running into someone then getting sued because someone was drunk and got knocked over. There are plenty of places to celebrate in the stands and outside the stadium.

Moran: No, because someone is going to die if this doesn't stop. We're coming up on the 10-year anniversary of the Wisconsin (vs. Michigan) scenario. I was shipped to Wisconsin on that Sunday morning and it is a miracle that no one died.



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Blaudschun: How are you going to hold (the fans) back? They shouldn't storm the field after a regular-season game that doesn't have that much meaning. But if you win the National Championship, or win the Rose Bowl, or the Ohio State-Michigan game, they should be able to come on the field.

Murphy: No. I'm from Philly where (former Mayor) Frank Rizzo used to station cops with German shepherds around the periphery of the Vet. Some people called Frank a fascist, but people stayed off the field. I was one of the handful of journalists who got a face full of pepper spray in the end zone after the Michigan vs. Ohio State game this year and it wasn't so much the pepper spray as it was not being able to get off the field. I was stuck in this mob scene, and unlike the people around me I had not had six or more beers to smooth my nerves. So I would not be against a movement keeping fans in the stands after the games.

Barnhart: Never, ever, ever.

There is so much more media attention on the game then there was 10-20 years ago. How has it changed the game?

Blackledge: I think it has been good and bad. I think the good part is that guys in the SEC, because of SportsCenter and ESPN, are more familiar with the Pac-10 teams or the Big Ten teams. So players, teams and coaches are much more familiar with what everyone else is doing in college football. I think that part of it is good. The other good thing is that it has really raised the banner of college football. It is a sport that is becoming increasingly popular and it has so much going for it. The negative ... it has hurt some of the sportsmanship things, because every highlight is on, every big hit, every dramatic thing is on and there is more of a tendency to have some of the unsportsmanlike things go on in association with that.

Herbstreit: For the better and the worse. For the better, right now college football is recognized as one of the greatest sports in the United States. Because of the recognition with ABC television and ESPN, the coverage that you get with the newspapers, radio and internet, everywhere you turn in the fall, all you hear about is college football and the NFL. Right now, what has happened with sports professionally and the way people have been chased off with that millionaire attitude a lot of the fans have towards professional athletes, the college game is looked at as a sport fans can still count on. Some people would say it is just as commercialized as the pro game, but if you lived inside it like we do, week in and week out and really felt the fabric of the sport and talked to the kids on a weekly basis, you would know there is still an innocence to college football and it is still in my mind the greatest sport out there.

On the negative end, going back to the internet and the chat rooms, anytime a player steps out of line, it is on the front page of the newspaper in some of these college communities. Maybe back in the '50s or '60s or '70s a player might get out of line and you might hear about it, but it wasn't a front page story whereas today it is.

Light: I think it has helped the game a lot. It is great for fans, and players for the most part. In certain circumstances it might be too much. Certain games might be over-hyped and certain programs might have too much of a media crush. But for the most part I think it has added great interest and it has made playing college football a lot more exciting for a lot of players.

Thoughts on the Heisman Trophy? Do too many people have a vote? Is it too hyped?

Herbstreit: I'm not telling the Downtown Athletic Club how to make its selection, but if you don't vote you should lose your opportunity to vote. Too many people don't vote. For you to miss it is ridiculous. If you miss your vote then you are out of the club; you no longer can vote who the Heisman Trophy winner is. As far as the hype of it, yes, I think it is overblown and overhyped. At ESPN, we will start to break down the Heisman finalists in September. Guys are positioning themselves back then, but you win the Heisman in November. The Heisman Trophy is now becoming, who is one of the best players on one of the best teams

... that is what the Heisman Trophy is. It doesn't go to the best player in the country. It is the most valuable player on one of the best teams in the country. If you look over the last 10 or 15 years, that is the guy who is winning the Heisman Trophy. Show me a guy who is winning the Heisman Trophy with four losses. It has become all about a team who is in a National Championship race and who plays quarterback for that team ... that is who is going to be a Heisman finalist.

Blackledge: I purposely as a broadcaster do not talk or answer questions about the Heisman or who the frontrunners are or those kinds of things in August. And I really don't want to do it in September. I feel the same way about that as I do about preseason polls. There isn't a lot of substance to them. I think you need to let teams and individuals play through the month of September and once you get to the beginning of October you start to figure out who are the real guys to watch. The award is for the best player in a particular season. Not the guy who was the best player of the year before, not the guy who plays on the highest-profile team.



Ramsey: Absolutely. I was really surprised when Carson Palmer won. I was rooting for him the whole way, but I was almost as surprised as he was himself. Only because the West Coast traditionally hasn't gotten a lot of play in the Heisman. It is a little bit overblown. To start talking about it in the preseason is ridiculous. Talking about it in week five is a little premature. And it really should go to the best college football player. I think that you should be a senior to even be considered.

Blaudschun: Yes, it has become a TV award. People vote by watching games on TV and it is generated by what the announcers say. I'm convinced Carson Palmer won the award because Dan Fouts said they should give it to him after the Notre Dame game. I think that persuaded the voters. He had a great game. That kind of publicity persuades so many voters.

Barnhart: My problem with the Heisman Trophy is that too many people vote on it. And I say that as the Georgia regional voting director. But I think too many people vote on it and therefore it is difficult for a player who is not in the mix early on to come out of nowhere and win.

Light: I think it is very overhyped. I think one of the major problems is that too many people vote who don't follow the game closely enough. Part of the problem is you have preseason Heisman stuff. In other sports do you have preseason NFL MVP candidates? No. You play out the season. Midway through the year you see who is having a good year and you go from there. Seneca Wallace came from nowhere to a Heisman favorite, to nowhere, to maybe. I think you pick it up and see what is going on mid-year.

Where Are They Now?

Chuck Muncie

by Jay Heater

When running back Chuck Muncie had a football in his hands, nobody looked the other way. When Muncie was partying around his college campus, everybody did.

"That's just the way it was," says Muncie, who was an All-America running back at Cal in the mid-70s before embarking on a nine-year NFL career with New Orleans and San Diego. "Cal was crazy back in the 1970s."

Now a youth counselor living in Antioch, Calif., Muncie paid a severe price for being the big man on campus. His experimentation with drugs eventually led to a three-year prison sentence following his pro career. Upon his release on parole after two years in 1989, Muncie decided that he wanted to be the voice of reason that he couldn't find during his days at Cal. However, his initial attempts to become a youth counselor were stymied by the terms of his parole.

"When I got out of prison, I was working at this little bar, the Old Ox, on the beach in San Diego," he says. "I wanted to work with kids and I couldn't because I was on parole. Plus, a lot of the people that helped me get into trouble were around, and I couldn't leave the area. I went back to the court and asked them to send me back to prison. I wanted to finish paying my debt so I wouldn't have any restrictions."

He was then free to pursue his new-found goal. "If there would have been someone in place who would have given me a heads up, it would have made a major difference in my life," says Muncie, now 50. "I was the kind of kid who was like, 'Show me something. Give me an opportunity to make a better choice.' Nobody was counseling kids at that time or providing safety nets. I definitely know they were looking the other way."

It is understandable. A 6'4", 235-pounder who could run the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds, Muncie rushed for 3,052 yards and 37 touchdowns at Cal and finished second to Ohio State's Archie Griffin for the Heisman Trophy in 1975.

"He was an incredible player," says orthopedist Milt David, a consultant to the Cal medical staff since 1964. "He was a tremendous runner who could throw and catch. He could do everything. He was the best running back I've ever seen."

David, who was close to Cal head coach Mike White, said the Bears' coaching staff did their best to keep Muncie in class and clean. It was a losing battle.

"He was wild," says David, now a good friend of Muncie's. "After he got drafted, he bought a sports car and parked it at SFO (San Francisco International Airport). He just left it there. I don't think he ever came back to get it."



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Serving Time

Muncie's wild times continued until a prison stretch forced him to take a good look at his life.

"A lot of guys in prison sit there and think about what they are going to do with their time today," Muncie says. "I thought about tomorrow. You don't have to hit me upside the head too many times to get the message."

Muncie landed his first counseling job with the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Diego, and the organization quickly realized he could help bolster other such programs. He moved around to similar clubs in Bullhead City, Ariz., and Ventura County, Calif., to help with fundraising and membership drives. "I would stay at a program for about a year to get them rolling," Muncie says. "I'm happy to say those programs are healthy now."

Eventually, Muncie decided to take a job that would provide him with more stability so he could raise a family. He moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and began working at the REACH (Recognizing, Encouraging and Achieving Creative Heights) program in Antioch, where he has been for almost three years. "I'm a level two counselor," says

Muncie. "But my work schedule is based on need. I'm here as much as necessary, so sometimes I work about 20 hours and sometimes 60. There is so much going on in this community that I've been working a lot lately."

Muncie works with children of all ages and focuses on anger management and adolescent drug treatment. He also tries to educate parents on how to help their children deal with difficult problems.

"I really try to be more of a mentor than a counselor," Muncie says. "I try to get into kids' heads. It takes some time because most of them have issues with trust. Many of these kids have no structured environment at home."

It's the type of thing that can be frustrating for anyone, but especially an athlete who is used to seeing immediate results from practice or physical conditioning. "Frustration would be putting it mildly," Muncie says. "These kids are our future and they really don't paint a bright, rosy picture."

Going Back to Cal

In the late 1990s, Muncie's wife, Laura Pasion, a former juvenile hall counselor, wrote the curriculum for the Chuck Muncie Youth Foundation Diversion Program, a mentoring program designed to help Cal athletes. They approached Tom Holmoe, the Bears' head coach from 1997-2001, and he quickly signed on.

"Chuck's help was huge," says Holmoe, who is now an assistant athletics director at BYU. "The thing that was so sweet was that he acknowledged his issues. He could talk to the guys, saying, 'There isn't anything you could do that I haven't done.' Did he have a Ph.D.? No. Maybe he was a little short in that department. But he was one of the best players ever at Cal, and he was giving back to the program."

Basically, Muncie would intercede when a Cal football player had a minor scrape with the law, or with the school's administration.

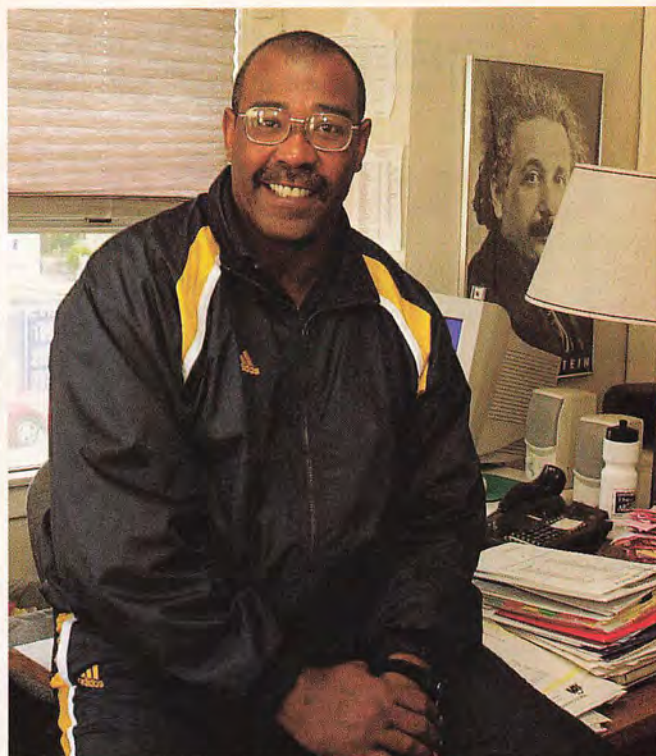
"Our goal was to have young men recognize the opportunity they had been presented and to be responsible for their actions," Muncie says. "What we found was that the awareness of their choices was not very clear."

"We tried to help 16 or 17 athletes over that time and 80 percent never had another incident. Of course, I never pulled any punches with them. One of the first things I share is the time I spent in prison. It's been a strength for me, not an Achilles' heel. I've been there, done that and here's what happened to me. Then I would look at them and say, 'You already have your foot in the door because people know you are screwing up. This is the kind of stuff that led up to what eventually happened to me.'"

Holmoe says he wasn't worried about Muncie's previous problems with drugs. "I was not shocked about what had happened to him," Holmoe says. "I had seen what happened to him happen to some of my best friends (in the NFL)."

When Holmoe left Cal after the 2001 season, the program wasn't continued by new head coach Jeff Tedford.

That left Muncie pondering whether to try to offer his program to other universities. "It gets tough trying to sell the program and getting



Bob Larson

Muncie took responsibility, and now he teaches it.

coaches to buy into it," Muncie says. "Tom Holmoe was a renaissance guy who focused on education and what was best for the athlete."

Instead, Muncie will concentrate on the youngsters in Antioch. Whether or not Muncie's message is received by the students at the REACH program remains to be seen. "The majority of them get it," Muncie says. "And others can't see the future. But like my wife says, 'You can't save the world.' But sometimes I do get my hopes up too high."

Muncie at Cal: 3,052 yards, and some bad choices.



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Chuck's just trying to save the world, one kid at a time.



Bob Larson

Where Are They Now?

Charles Thompson

by George Schroeder

The stares still come. In restaurants. On busy street corners. At Oklahoma football games. People still recognize him. They still murmur and discreetly point him out to others.

It's part of being a former Oklahoma Sooner quarterback, but he knows there's more to it. For Charles Thompson, there's always been more to it.

On the day his photograph appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*, everything changed. Manacled and wearing an orange jumpsuit, Thompson became the symbol of a program run amok.

"The first time I saw it was probably the most humiliating day for me as a person," Thompson says. "That cover will forever be imprinted. Unfortunately, the world will forever remember me for that."

With good reason. Thompson's arrest in February 1989 for selling 17 grams of cocaine to an undercover FBI agent capped a tumultuous run of trouble involving the OU football program that eventually led to the ouster of coach Barry Switzer and the program's rapid descent.

In December 1988, the NCAA placed OU on three years probation.

In late January 1989, a Sooner football player shot a teammate in the chest during an argument in the athletic dormitory. Days later, a 20-year-old woman alleged she was gang-raped in the athletic dormitory; two players were later convicted of the crime.

Then came Thompson's arrest and subsequently that "humiliating" photograph that splashed OU's troubles worldwide.

But 14 years later, Thompson is no longer a Sooner pariah. That magazine cover?

"I'm at peace with it," Thompson says. "It's part of my past, and I certainly don't try to hide it. It's one of the things

that makes me still appealing, to be quite honest.

"It's a tremendous tool. The fact that I did go through all of that. ... The fact that while I was there, all the turmoil happened, gives me a platform."

From which Thompson preaches Christianity. He tells his story of a life redeemed.

"That's one of the first things people want to know: 'What happened? Why did it happen? What were you thinking?'" Thompson says. "Then, they want to know, 'What kind of person are you now?'"

This is what Thompson tells them: The cover showed a 20-year-old kid who became caught up in the fast life and made "disastrous decisions."

"I was young," Thompson says. "I wasn't naive or gullible or anything. But I was quarterback at OU. You get caught up in that.

"We all make wrong decisions. It's what you do after that decision. How do you try to correct it?"

Thompson has long been making corrections. He tells people he's no longer that 20-year-old. He's a 34-year-old businessman, youth league coach, father of three sons and devout Christian.

King Charles

In the late 1980s, Thompson was another in a long line of waterbug-quick wishbone quarterbacks at OU. He seemed destined for greatness.

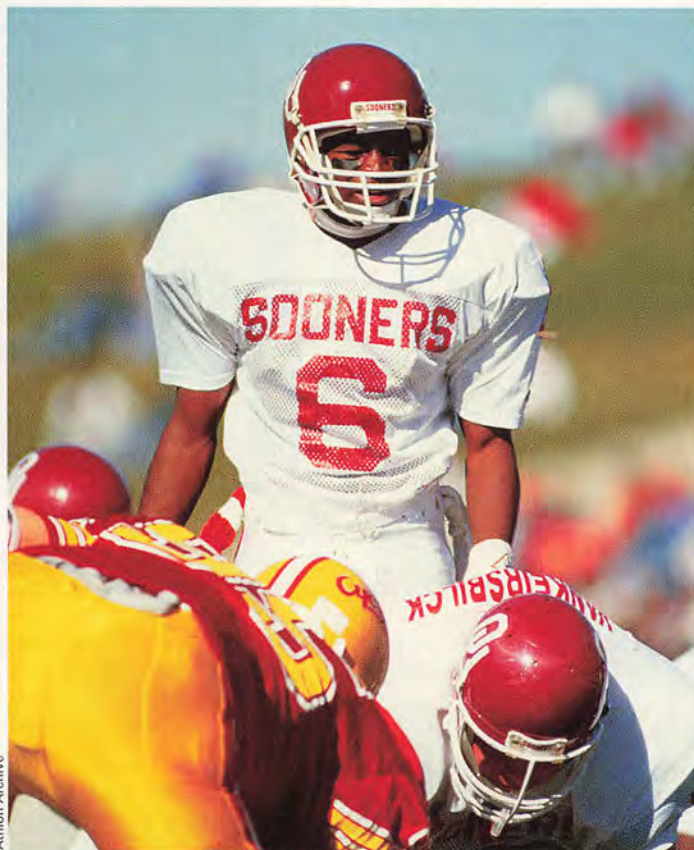
As a redshirt freshman in 1987, he replaced an injured Jamelle Holieway and propelled OU into the Orange Bowl and a shot at the national championship. He began the next season as Holieway's backup but surpassed the older player and finished the season as OU's undisputed starter.

Bigger things beckoned.

Or did they?

Even as he was winning on the field, Thompson had become caught up in the trappings of success that accompanied life as a Sooner football player. In his book, *Down and Dirty: The Life and Crimes of Oklahoma Football*, which was published in 1990, Thompson chronicled an atmosphere where football reigned supreme and players lived like kings.

Thompson's Nissan 300ZX — indirectly purchased for him with a booster's money, he wrote — featured the vanity plate "King Charles VI." Money, girls and more were easily available, and Thompson availed himself.



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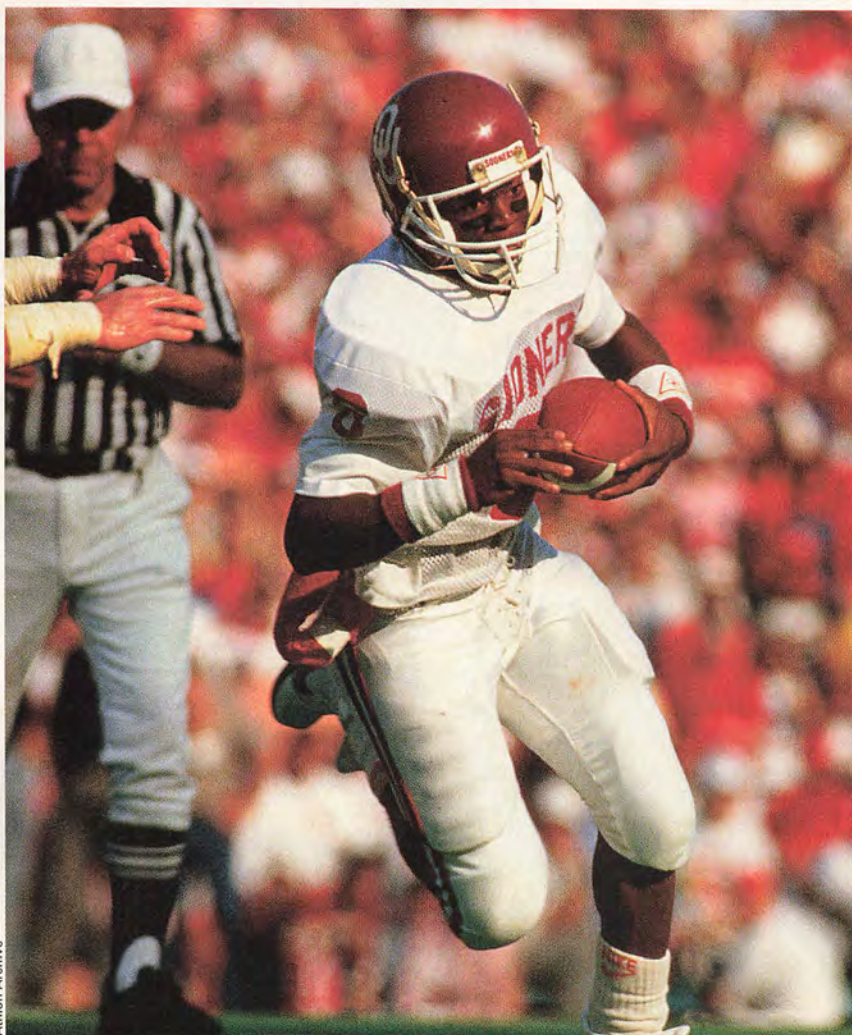
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Looking back, Thompson says he'd write the book differently — cleaning up some of the profanity, for instance.

"It really goes to show you the difference in the mindset of young kid who was lost and in trouble and who just really didn't have any direction at the time," Thompson says, "as compared to a man who's found himself and who understands his responsibilities and his commitments."

But he stands behind the claims he made about improprieties and the atmosphere at OU. And he says the book's message still stands: Thompson was sucked into the fast lifestyle, but he was ultimately responsible for his actions.

On Feb. 13, 1989, Thompson was arrested after trying to sell 17 grams of cocaine for \$1,400. He said then and says now that he didn't often use drugs — though he spent time in the summer of 1988 in a rehabilitation center — and claims the drug deal was a one-time occurrence.

Days before the arrest, Thompson had spoken at an elementary school on the dangers of drug use.

"Regardless of what anyone has told you about drugs," Thompson told the kids, "they're the quickest way to end your life, the quickest way to be in jail."

Thompson eventually pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. He spent 17 months in a federal prison at Big Spring, Texas.

He completed his college career as a running back at Central State of Ohio, helping win an NAIA national championship. He played two years in the Canadian Football League and two more in the World League (now NFL Europe).

Then, Thompson returned home.

Thompson doesn't run from his past, which included achievement on the field and notoriety off it.



Coming Home

Initially, there wasn't much of a welcome.

"It was tough," he says. "And one of the toughest times is when I first went back to an OU football game."

He was approached by several fans. The typical comment: "How disappointed they were in me," Thompson says. "And how dare I come back around."

What the fans didn't realize, Thompson says, was that he had changed. Marriage and fatherhood had something to do with it — Thompson and his wife, Kori, have three sons — as did the simple maturing that comes with age.

But the most important difference, Thompson says, was his spiritual life. He says the death several years ago of a childhood friend in an automobile accident led to his conversion to Christianity.

"I think everything that I've gone through in my life is a testimony," Thompson says. "Not only did He save my life, but He gave me a calling to help save other people."

Thompson makes regular appearances at Fellowship of Christian Athletes functions and similar events. But he's not limited to speaking engagements. Thompson began coaching when his oldest son, Kendal, started playing youth league sports.

"But I decided it was much bigger than that," Thompson says. "It seemed like I began to go from baseball to basketball to football."

"A lot of people were relying upon me, and I began to get people who looked at me and said, 'Here's a guy that had made some poor decisions.' And yet they began to trust me with their kids."

His involvement in football, basketball and baseball has stretched to the point where Thompson has begun a nonprofit youth-league organization in an economically depressed area of Oklahoma City.

"I enjoy not just teaching kids how to be competitors and winners, but to be champions on the field, and off," Thompson says. "I feel like in a sense, I'm one of the most qualified people to do that. I can identify

If a kid is heading the wrong direction, I can teach them about the consequences."

Thompson works as an account executive for Lifeline Communications, a long-distance company that donates a portion of monthly revenues to Christian organizations. His office, on the 16th floor of an

Oklahoma City office building, features a picturesque view. On a clear day, you can almost — but not quite — see Norman, a short 25-minute drive south.

That's fine with Thompson. He doesn't regret the way his life has turned out. He says he's a better man because of where he's been.

"It's a simple story," Thompson says. "I just feel blessed and fortunate to be who I am today, rather than having had all the money and fame in the world and still be a person who was trying to find himself."

Others have noticed that transformation. OU coach Bob Stoops wasn't around when Thompson played, but others who were vouched for the former player.

"That's a long time ago, what all happened," Stoops says. "I'm sure Charles has paid a heavy price for it. ... From that time to now, Charles is a different person."

A while back, at Stoops' invitation, Thompson spoke to the OU football team. The message was simple.

"Your actions and your behavior aren't just your own," Thompson says he told the Sooners. "You're impacting other people. They're watching you."

"Charles, I think, has a message that is good for our players to know," Stoops says. "How things could be awfully good and with a wrong decision,

how it could go awfully bad."

These days, Thompson often attends OU home games. In 2000, he traveled to Miami for the Orange Bowl.

Thompson still gets the looks. People still point and murmur. But these days, much of the feedback is positive.

"Maybe that's because (OU) started winning," he says.

"Or maybe, it's because I came back here and faced my worst critics."



Thompson: "I just feel blessed and fortunate to be who I am today."

Where Are They Now?

Hart Lee Dykes

by John Helsley

Hart Lee Dykes hasn't filled a football uniform in 12 years. And yet, the image of him as a player still conjures awe. Wide-eyed Oklahoma State players gathered and gawked last December when Dykes stopped in to see what was new with his old team as the Cowboys prepared near his South Texas home for the Houston Bowl.

"Our players said, 'He was a wideout?'" recalls OSU offensive coordinator Mike Gundy, the quarterback on the delivering end of a lethal combo with Dykes in the late '80s. "I said, 'Yep. And he looked like that when he played wideout.'"

At 6'4", 230 pounds, Dykes was a force at wide receiver, exposing mismatches while rewriting receiving records in the old Big Eight. He also exposed the underbelly of the game in establishing another dubious record — landing four schools on probation for their recruiting sins in attempts to lure the former Texas prep star.

Dykes became a first-round NFL draft pick of the Patriots, only to have a series of knee injuries halt his career after only two seasons. Unlike his arrival in the spotlight, Dykes' departure from stardom was a quiet retirement and retreat home to Texas.

That's where he resides today — in Sugar Land, Texas, a suburb of Houston — running his own delivery service and raising and coaching his 9-year-old son Jalen. And, at times, wondering what might have been. "I miss the game," says Dykes, who at 36 is younger than the still-producing Jerry Rice. "I miss being involved in it. It comes to my attention more when I'm at my son's games. That's when I miss it most."

Those who never saw Dykes dominate defenses missed out on a rare receiver. Recognized as the National Player of the Year by at least one publication, Dykes was the most coveted recruit in the hotbed of talent that is Texas in 1985. It was a time when shady recruiters and boosters tried almost anything to lure top prospects. "That was during the Wild West era down in there," says Pat Jones, Oklahoma State's head coach at the time who now coaches tight ends for the Miami Dolphins.

Wild were the stories that surrounded Dykes. His decision to attend OSU — a school he supposedly wasn't even considering — set off finger-pointing and complaints that ignited an NCAA investigation that stretched far and wide. Rumors of cash-filled envelopes, cars and more eventually flowed late in Dykes' career, when he was granted NCAA immunity from eligibility penalty in exchange for his tell-all testimony.

When the NCAA finished wading through the mess four years later, four programs — Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Illinois — were hit with sanctions at least partially stemming from Dykes' tales.

OSU was hit hardest, after Dykes revealed that then-Cowboy assistant Willie Anderson allegedly arranged for Dykes to receive \$5,000 in cash, in the form of 50 \$100 bills, on national signing day in 1985.

The program was rocked, hit with four years of probation in 1989, Dykes' final season. The sanctions included a drastic reduction in scholarships and a ban from bowl games for three years.

Dykes prefers not to discuss those darker days. "I think now that he's older, and obviously we get wiser, I think he's a little hesitant to talk about it," says Gundy, who maintains contact with Dykes. "In my observations, he's somewhat embarrassed."

Jones, who maintains he was unaware of Anderson's behind-the-scenes dirty work, doesn't like the damage done to Dykes' reputation.

"It's safe to say, there was probably a whole lot of guys who were involved in a lot worse than he was and played their entire careers without a word," Jones says. "I think there's guilt to go around on all sides in one of those things. But here's a kid who was one of most talented kids in country since he was 12 years old, in an era and type of climate he came up in that made people very susceptible to that sort of thing."

"That doesn't make it right at all. But I think I understand the climate of the time. And Hart was not a criminal. He was not a druggie, or a guy who robbed the 7-Eleven or got in any kind of trouble. That's not what this guy was all about. He's not a guy who was a bad actor."

In fact, Gundy says the team never resented Dykes, even as the program was handed a crippling punishment. "Hart Lee has a personality that

makes everyone want to like him," Gundy says. "He's a big teddy bear kind of guy. He didn't have many enemies."

"So it didn't cause a problem with anybody, not even the coaches. You might have had a small percentage of OSU supporters who got mad. But everybody liked Hart. And most everybody who's involved in college athletics understood, here you've got a 17-year-old kid and everybody's promising him stuff. Who could blame him?"

The Cowboys did give Dykes some good-natured grief.

"Oh yeah, we were on him all the time," says Gundy. "The guy's got the NCAA record for getting teams on probation. He never discussed details or issues concerning his recruitment or what he got or didn't get when he was here. But he wanted to be in nice clothes and nice shoes and nice cars. He was prime time. And we were on him about it."

Dykes was prime time on the field, too. He established every meaningful Oklahoma State receiving record, despite typically serving as the Cowboys' second option. That's life when you've got guys named Thurman



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Thomas and Barry Sanders to tote the ball. "There were times when he would get six or eight catches a game and that was a big thing back then," Gundy says. "And there were times when he'd have three or four."

"In today's style of offenses, where they catch the underneath passes, the quick throws, the bubble in the flat, things like that, the guy would have probably established records that would be almost untouchable."

Says Dykes: "I remember going to play Kansas and Missouri and I'd look up and Barry had carried the ball 30 times. There's not much passing going on there."

Still, Dykes was a record-setter, finishing his career with 203 catches and 3,171 yards, the most ever in the Big Eight, as were his 29 scoring receptions. He was a consensus All-American in 1988, when the Cowboys averaged 48.6 points per game. Dykes once said: "I don't know how good I am, but every week I do something I didn't know I'd be able to do."

The enigmatic Sanders earned the Heisman Trophy in 1988, a prize he reluctantly accepted. While the school had to push Sanders to do promotions during a Heisman campaign, Dykes would plead with sports information director Steve Buzzard: "If he doesn't want it, push me. Push me."

Says Gundy: "That's him. He's got some salesman in him. He's very, very street smart. He's doing well in the business world because he's very intelligent. When it was prime time he wanted to be there. But he could back it up."

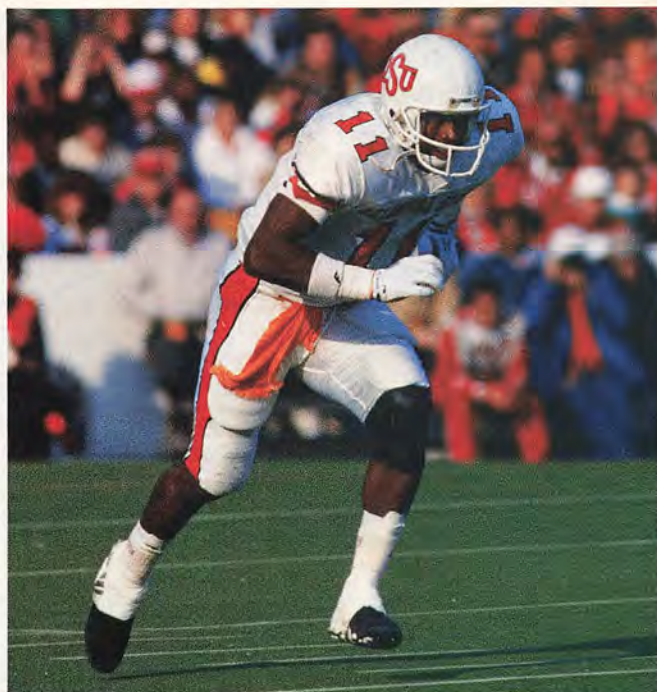
Dykes' size was an obvious advantage. "I remember we played Wyoming at the Holiday Bowl in '88," Jones says. "We took Gundy, Barry and Dykes to a function, and Dykes was bigger than the guy who was the WAC Defensive Player of the Year — a defensive end."

Dykes possessed other special skills. "Physically, he's about as gifted a guy, a big guy, as I've ever been around," Jones says. "I think he could really run about as fast as he really needed to. And he was the best hand-eye big athlete I've ever seen."

The Patriots took Dykes with the 16th pick in the first round of the 1989 NFL Draft. He was set to take his stardom to a new level, before injuries struck him for the first time in his life.

Dykes suffered a fractured right kneecap in a 1991 preseason game and missed the entire regular season. The kneecap failed him again in training camp the following year. The '92 season was also lost.

Then came the injury that ended Dykes' career, a blown ACL in his



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Dykes' dubious distinction: Four teams on probation.

left knee during a mini-camp workout in May of '93. While Dykes continued to work toward comebacks, he gave it up in 1994 at age 28.

Dykes had two solid years with New England, including a rookie season in which he caught 49 passes for a team-high 795 yards and five touchdowns. "It would have been interesting to see what would he could have done at this level if he'd stayed healthy," says Jones. "He was hard to defend. People are in a bind covering him. They were then; they would have been now."

Dykes has accepted his fate, excelling now as a businessman and enjoying fatherhood. But he still follows football, particularly Oklahoma State, taking pride in a Cowboy rebirth that carries the kind of promise not seen in Stillwater since the days of Gundy, Thomas, Sanders and Dykes.

"It's really fun," says Dykes. "And it's exciting. I bleed orange. I play golf quite a bit, and my golf covers have OSU on them."

"For a while there, our school was kind of bad. But I've always been proud of the fact that I went to Oklahoma State. Even more so that we're doing well and playing well."

Enjoying OSU's success, however, comes with a catch for Dykes. Current Cowboy receiver Rashaun Woods has already claimed several of Dykes' old records and is on pace to take what's left.

"Everything I've heard about the kid has been great," Dykes says. "I have a friend in Oklahoma City who knows his family and he spoke very highly of the kid. 'Great kid. Good person.'"

"Who better to take the records? If they're going to fall, I'd rather them fall to somebody deserving. My hat's off to him."

Still, there's a part of Dykes that tempts him to wonder what he could do in the air-it-out offenses that dominate college football now.

"You look up today and it's nothing for Rashaun to have nine or 10 receptions," Dykes says. "That would have been a huge day for me. That 12-catch day he had against Oklahoma was huge. I don't know if I had a 12-catch game in my whole career."

As for the records, they lasted more than a dozen years. And who knows, if Dykes is any kind of coach, maybe they'll be back in the family some day. Dykes' son Jalen plays football. Wide receiver, too.

"I sat here and made a joke the other day," says Dykes. "I told him, 'You know what, he's breaking dad's records now. The only thing for you to do is to get those records some day.'"

"But really, Rashaun did it. And he did it in a way where the program is winning and he's successful. My hat's off to him."

Hart Lee Dykes: History's most coveted recruit?



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OKLAHOMA

The Sooners must replace their top passer, top rusher and top receiver, but as long as Bob Stoops is in charge, it all starts with defense anyway. Tackle Tommie Harris and linebackers Teddy Lehman and Lance Mitchell are All-Americans. End Jimmy Wilkerson jumped to the pros, but Jonathan Jackson, the "other" end, is coming off a two-sack, three-tackles-for-loss performance in the 34-14 Rose Bowl win over Washington State. The secondary is overstocked with stars.

Jason White, a career 63-percent passer, has started four games at quarterback but can't keep both his knees functioning at the same time, and there are three other hopefuls with a legitimate shot at the job. Sophomore Brent Rawls is particularly promising. You don't replace a 1,884-yard rusher like Quentin Griffin overnight, but Renaldo Works, Kejuan Jones and Donta Hickson should gain ground in chunks behind what Stoops feels is the best offensive line he's had.

The Sooners pay a return visit to Alabama on Sept. 6 and host UCLA two weeks later to highlight the non-conference schedule. Oklahoma State, which has beaten the Sooners each of the last two years, comes calling in Norman on Nov. 1.

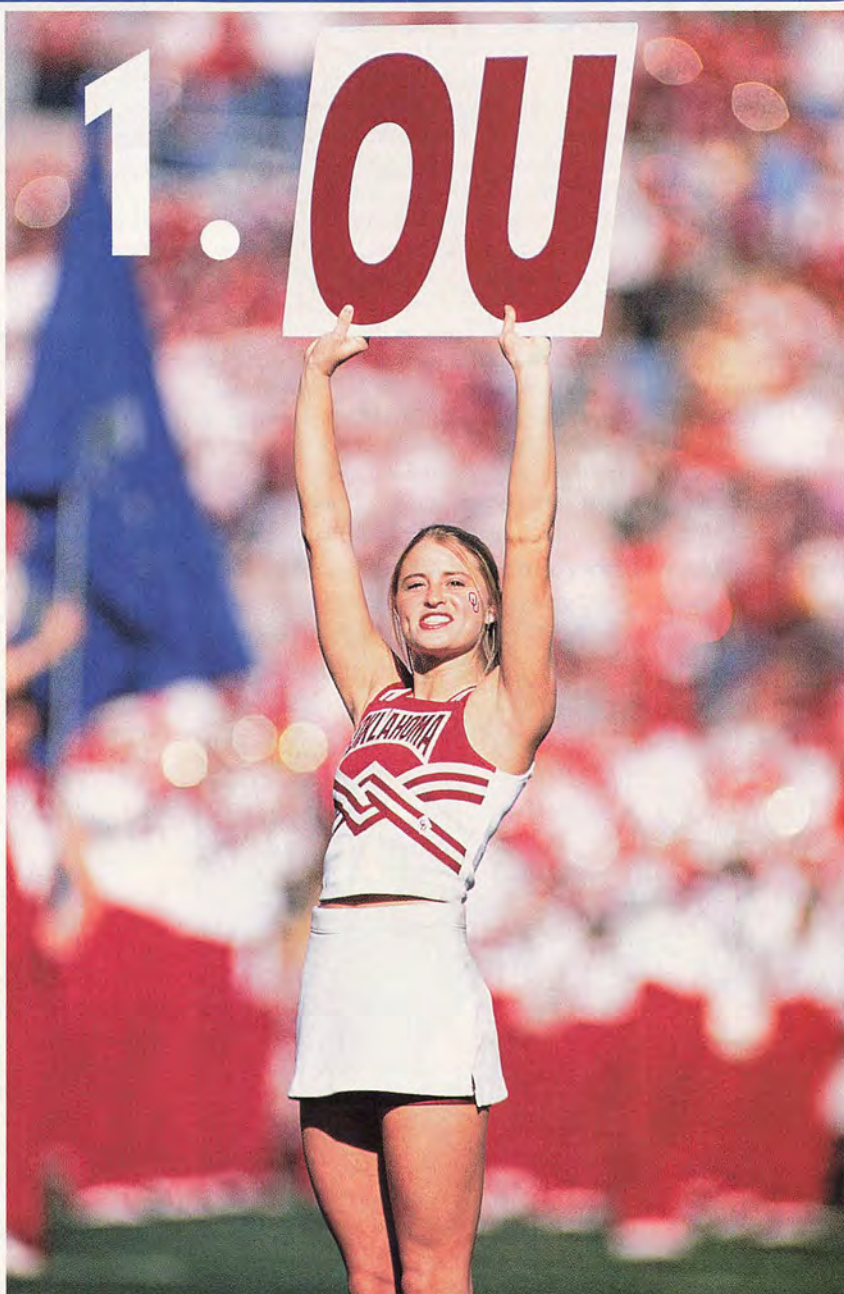
Longhorns corralled: In the last two Red River showdowns, Oklahoma has allowed Texas a combined total of 80 yards rushing on 60 carries.

Bad reception: OU lost its top four career receivers to graduation.

Skyway robbery: Oklahoma defenders intercepted 24 passes last season, tied with Virginia Tech for tops in the nation.

2002 results: 12-2 (6-2 Big 12)

Returning starters: 4 offense, 10 defense, both kickers



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MIAMI

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Florida transfer Brock Berlin was brought in to take over at quarterback in 2003 when Ken Dorsey left, and that day has come. Derrick Crudup, Dorsey's backup the last two years, acquitted himself nicely in a brief Fiesta Bowl appearance in place of a dinged-up Dorsey and declared himself the front-runner in the off-season. But Berlin should be officially installed as the starter by the time the season opens. Frank Gore was the projected 2002 tailback starter, having run for 562 yards at 9.1 per carry as a 2001 backup. He sat out 2002 to rehab a knee and is back full-strength. The receiving corps is blessed with more talent, speed and depth than ought to be legal, and Kellen Winslow is the nation's premier tight end.

Tackles Carlos Joseph and Vernon Carey anchor a dominating offensive line, and just try to run up the middle against the Canes with Vince Wilfork and Orien Harris stationed at defensive tackle. The secondary was stocked with four newcomers last fall and still led the nation in pass defense. They're all back.

Florida, Florida State and Tennessee all show up on the schedule for the second straight year. And the Canes face their toughest league competition on the road.

Dominant: Miami has won 24 straight Big East games, a conference record, dating back to 1999.

Lighting it up: Miami's 527 points in 2002 are a school and Big East record.

2002 results: 12-1 (7-0 Big East) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 6 defense, no kickers



Bill Wood

OHIO STATE

3

It had been 34 years between national titles for Ohio State. But with Jim Tressel at the controls and talent piling up like cordwood, Buckeye backers won't have to wait that long for another. All 11 regulars from last season return to the offense, with road graders such as tackle Shane Olivea and center Alex Stepanovich clearing the way. Quarterback Craig Krenzel is cool and efficient and the reigning Fiesta Bowl Offensive MVP. It boggles the mind to think of the damage tailback Maurice Clarett can do if he stays healthy all year. Michael Jenkins averaged 18 yards on 61 catches last season and is back for more.

End Will Smith and tackles Tim Anderson and Darrion Scott man an impenetrable defensive line. Chris Gamble, Ohio State's first two-way starter in 30 years, is an All-America cornerback. Each of his team-high four interceptions last fall preserved victories for Ohio State.

The Buckeyes open their title defense with five straight home games, but trips to Wisconsin, Penn State and Michigan could be tricky.

New standard: Maurice Clarett's 1,237 rushing yards is a new school freshman record.

Win with D: OSU ranked second in the nation in scoring defense and third in rushing defense in '02.

2002 results: 14-0 (8-0 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 11 offense, 6 defense, placekicker



Ric Fogel

KANSAS STATE

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The 2002 Wildcats outscored their opponents by an average of 45-12 and scored 60 or more points in three different games, and most of the main producers are back. QB Ell Roberson ran for 1,032 yards and 16 touchdowns, passed for 1,580 yards and seven scores, and he enters the 2003 season on the Heisman Trophy short list. Tailback Darren Sproles rolled for 1,465 yards on the ground at 6.2 per carry with 17 TDs.

Linebacker Terry Pierce's early departure for the pros didn't leave as big a void as had been feared. Junior college transfer Marvin Simmons takes over for Pierce. He's smallish but runs a 4.4 and comes in with a fearsome reputation. Josh Buhl, who led the team in tackles, and Andrew Shull, who racked up 17 tackles behind the line, return at linebacker and end respectively.

The conference schedule opens with a bang — at Texas. The outcome of the finale with Missouri in Manhattan could carry a lot of meaning in the North Division.

No. 2: The Wildcats finished second in the nation in scoring offense (44.8 points per game), rushing defense (69.5 yards per game) and total defense (249.0).

No. 1: K-State led the nation in scoring defense, giving up 11.8 points per game.

2002 results: 11-2 (6-2 Big 12) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 5 defense, placekicker



John Bettancourt

AUBURN

5

The top two tight ends are gone and kicker Damon Duval needs to be replaced, but otherwise coach Tommy Tuberville's club is still up and running from last year. Auburn is blessed with such ridiculous riches at tailback (Carnell Williams, Ronnie Brown, Tre Smith and Brandon Jacobs) that Tuberville will be challenged to keep them all involved. Jason Campbell went 5-1 as the starting quarterback last year, including wins over three Top 10 opponents, and he currently tops the school career charts with a 63-percent completion average.

Cooper Wallace will fill the void at tight end, with both starting offensive tackles and guards returning from '02. Auburn's defensive front ranks with the best in the nation, especially since linebackers Karlos Dansby and Dontarrious Thomas decided to put off the NFL for another year.

The Tigers open with USC and close with Alabama, both at home in Jordan-Hare, where Tennessee also comes calling on Oct. 4. Trips to Arkansas, LSU and Georgia loom large.

The West was won: Auburn has won or tied for the SEC West title each of the last three seasons.

Ready when needed: Ronnie Brown netted over 1,000 rushing yards last season despite not starting a game until midseason.

2002 results: 9-4 (5-3 SEC) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 8 defense, no kickers



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USC

USC coach Pete Carroll has to find a replacement for Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer at quarterback. Matt Casale, Palmer's backup the last two years, and Purdue transfer Brandon Hance, who has already started nine games on the collegiate level, were the early favorites. But by the end of spring practice sophomore Matt Leinart had placed himself squarely in the mix.

The top two tacklers on last year's team return in linebackers Matt Grootegoed and Melvin Simmons, and 2001 Freshman All-America tackle Shaun Cody is back after missing the second half of last season with a knee injury. Cornerbacks Marcell Allmond and Kevin Arbet anchor an air-tight secondary.

The Trojans will close out the 2003 regular season with home games against UCLA and Oregon State. The road portion of the schedule appears daunting with trips to Auburn, Notre Dame and Washington.

Double play: In 2002, The Trojans defeated both Notre Dame and UCLA in the same season for the first time since 1981.

Irish sting: USC's 610 yards of total offense and Carson Palmer's 425 passing yards are the most any Notre Dame defense has ever surrendered in a single game.

2002 results: 11-2 (7-1 Pac-10) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 6 defense, both kickers



Peter Brouillet

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TEXAS

Texas coach Mack Brown just spent one glorious year free of a quarterback controversy. Now, let's see how long it takes before the Chance Mock vs. Vince Young debate heats up. Mock, a junior, has game experience — his first collegiate pass two years ago went for a 21-yard touchdown, and he is 6-of-9 for his career. Young, a redshirt freshman, is a 6'5", 220-pound athletic marvel. Whoever wins the job won't have to win games by himself — just hand the ball to tailback Cedric Benson and unload passes to the deluxe wide receiver trio of Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas.

The depth of talent Texas has amassed on the defensive line is almost obscene, and tackle Rodrique Wright was named the 2002 Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year. Linebacker Derrick Johnson has been feasting on opponents since he first arrived in Austin.

Supremacy in the Big 12 South should hinge, as usual, on the outcome of the Oklahoma game in Dallas on Oct. 11. Kansas State and Nebraska both show up as home games in '03, with the Texas A&M tilt in College Station as the regular-season finale.

Get a grip: The Longhorns lost just six fumbles all last season.

Two in a row: Texas has won 11 games in back-to-back seasons for the first time.

2002 results: 11-2 (6-2 Big 12) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 7 defense, placekicker



Layne Murdoch

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GEORGIA

Coach Mark Richt must replace the entire offensive line and linebacking corps from last season's SEC champions. Running back Musa Smith, who rushed for 1,324 yards, and defensive tackle Johnathan Sullivan are also history.

What Richt has in stock are not one but two of the best quarterbacks in the nation in David Greene and D.J. Shockley, most of the receiving corps, led by flanker Fred Gibson and tight end Ben Watson, and seven defensive starters. All-American David Pollack carves his own niche in opponents' backfields, accounting for 23.5 tackles behind the line and 14 sacks last season. All-SEC safety Kentrell Curry is still the leader of the back seven. If Tony Milton or scabbard Tyson Browning can't pick up the slack at tailback, prize recruit Gregg Lumpkin might step in.

A three-game stretch in late September and early October — at LSU, Alabama and at Tennessee — could make or break the Dawgs' title defense. And it doesn't get any easier in November, when Florida and Auburn show up.

Stubborn: Georgia finished fourth nationally last fall in scoring defense, allowing 15.1 points per game.

It's about time: Georgia's SEC championship in 2002 was its first since Herschel Walker's Heisman year of 1982.

2002 results: 13-1 (7-1 SEC) **Returning starters:** 3 offense, 7 defense, placekicker



Courtland Richards

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PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh is coming off its most successful season in two decades, with a resounding 38-13 Insight Bowl win over Oregon State serving as a springboard into 2003. Quarterback Rod Rutherford set a school single-season record with 3,181 yards of total offense. Backup Tyler Palko, one of the nation's top recruits at any position last season, saw game action as a freshman and could step in at a moment's notice. Tailback Brandon Miree is making a habit of 100-yard rushing games, and Larry Fitzgerald is one of the most electrifying receivers in the game on any level.

Veteran units man the trenches on both sides of the ball, with defensive end Claude Harriott and 6'6", 330-pound offensive tackle Rob Petitti as sure-fire All-America prospects. Harriott racked up 21 tackles behind the line last season. Linebacker Joe Dipre is back from a year's suspension to bolster the back seven on defense.

The 2003 schedule finds the Panthers on the road at Texas A&M, Boston College and West Virginia, and home to Notre Dame, Virginia Tech and Miami.

20-year high: Pittsburgh's nine victories in 2002 were its most since 1982.

Conference climbers: The Panthers' 5-2 Big East record was its best ever.

2002 results: 9-4 (5-2 Big East) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 7 defense, both kickers



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So John Navarre turned out to be a pretty darned good quarterback after all. In 2002, Navarre set single-season school records for attempts, completions, yardage and 200-yard passing games. He threw 21 touchdown passes and just seven INTs. In 2003, he will join Rick Leach as the only Michigan quarterbacks to start four season openers. Thousand-yard receiver Braylon Edwards also returns, and watch out for redshirt freshman wideout Steve Breaston. Tailback Chris Perry, the hero of Michigan's 38-30 Outback Bowl win over Florida, will run behind four returning starters on the offensive line, including All-Big Ten performers in tackle Tony Pape and guard David Baas.

Linebacker Victor Hobson, the team's top tackler in 2002, is gone, but the Wolverine defense is a veteran unit. Tackle Grant Bowman and linebacker Carl Diggs return to their posts as fifth-year seniors. Marlin Jackson is an All-American at cornerback.

Michigan hosts Notre Dame and travels to Oregon in September. Purdue and Ohio State both must visit Ann Arbor, and Wisconsin is absent from the slate.

Sack city: Michigan led the Big Ten in sacks last season with 42.

Closing in: Tailback Chris Perry needs 602 more rushing yards to move into Michigan's career top 10.

2002 results: 10-3 (6-2 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 6 defense, dual-purpose kicker



Courtland Richards

The 2002 Wolfpack won 11 games for the first time in school history and embarrassed Notre Dame in a New Year's Day bowl game. The encore will be performed with a defense that needs some rebuilding. The top five D-linemen are gone as well as linebacker D'antonio Burnette, the team's leading tackler, and two-time All-ACC free safety Terrence Holt. Linebacker Pat Thomas, rover Andre Maddox, cornerback Greg Golden and heralded incoming freshman end Mario Williams form the framework of the '03 defense.

QB Philip Rivers will continue to fatten his career passing numbers of 61 touchdowns and 8,993 yards, and challenge for the Heisman Trophy. Tailback T.A. McLendon and wide receiver Jericho Cotchery are lethal weapons. Fourth-year coach Chuck Amato's team faces a major obstacle at national champion Ohio State on Sept. 13. Then it's clear sailing until the final three games on the slate — Virginia, at Florida State, and Maryland.

Nole busters: NC State is the only ACC program to have beaten Florida State in two consecutive seasons since the Seminoles joined the league in 1992.

Drought: NC State hasn't won an ACC title since 1979.

2002 results: 11-3 (5-3 ACC) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 5 defense, both kickers



Mark Langello

It's no secret that Rick Neuheisel's top priority this spring was to develop a viable running game. Rich Alexis returns at tailback after a 688-yard campaign, but redshirt freshmen Kenny James and Shelton Sampson have explosive potential. Neuheisel wants balance, but how can his passing game possibly be more effective? QB Cody Pickett completed 60 percent of his passes for 4,458 yards and 28 touchdowns. Wide receiver Reggie Williams caught 94 balls for 1,454 yards and 11 touchdowns, and he has Charles Frederick on the other end of the formation to draw away some of the attention.

Linebacker Marquis Cooper, the team's co-leader in tackles last fall with 100, leads the eight returning starters on defense. Manase Hopoi is back after posting a team-high 17 tackles for loss. Derrick Johnson and Roc Alexander are lock-down corners; Johnson nabbed five errant aerials last season.

The Huskies will commence their 2003 campaign at Ohio State. Later, both USC and Washington State will visit Husky Stadium.

Two-year wonder: Reggie Williams is the school's career leader in both receptions and yards — after just two years.

New standard: In 2002, Cody Pickett became the Pac-10's first-ever single-season 4,000-yard passer.

2002 results: 7-6 (4-4 Pac-10) **Returning starters:** 7 offense, 6 defense, no kickers



Steve Woltmann

Jim Sorgi ranks 14th on the Wisconsin career passing yardage chart despite having started just five games over his first three years. He now takes over full-time at quarterback for the departed Brooks Bollinger. Sorgi's receiving corps — Lee Evans, Jonathan Orr, Brandon Williams, Darrin Charles — is arguably the best in the nation. Over the last two years, Badger tailback Anthony Davis has run for more yards (3,021) than anyone else in the Big Ten.

The Badgers' safeties — Ryan Aiello and Jim Leonhard — finished 1-2 on the team in tackles in 2002 and return for 2003. Leonhard led the nation in interceptions with 11, led the Big Ten in pass breakups with 25 and was the first sophomore to be voted team MVP at Wisconsin since 1947. Linebacker Jeff Mack, the 2002 Alamo Bowl Defensive MVP, and tackle Anttaj Hawthorne put some teeth in the front seven.

The schedule is a favorable one with the Ohio State and Purdue games both slated for Madison and Michigan nowhere to be found.

Margin notes: The 2002 Badgers finished ninth nationally in turnover margin at plus-1.29 per game.

Almost perfect: The Badgers are 7-1 in bowl games under coach Barry Alvarez.

2002 results: 8-6 (2-6 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 8 defense, both kickers



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VIRGINIA TECH

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Hokie quarterback Bryan Randall threw for 2,134 yards and ran for 507 last fall and is coming off an MVP performance in the Hokies' 20-13 San Francisco Bowl win over Air Force. His backup is redshirt freshman Marcus Vick, who has shown the same unlimited potential as his older brother, Michael. Vick should see more and more action off the bench as the season progresses. Wide receiver Ernest Wilford set a school single-season record with 51 catches last fall, averaging a healthy 18 yards per catch. It's scary to think of the numbers Kevin Jones can put up now that he has the tailback job all to himself.

Three starting offensive linemen return along with the entire front seven on defense. Ends Nathaniel Adibi and Cols Colas combined for 34 tackles behind the line and 18 sacks in 2002. Cornerbacks DeAngelo Hall and Garnell Wilds accounted for nine interceptions between them.

A home date against Texas A&M in September and the season finale at Virginia spice up the non-conference slate. The Hokies are at West Virginia, host Miami and travel to Pittsburgh in successive outings in October and November.

Efficiency expert: Bryan Randall finished last season ranked 10th nationally in passing efficiency.

The big four-oh: Virginia Tech's 2002 outgoing seniors were the first 40-win class in school history.

2002 results: 10-4 (3-4 Big East) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 9 defense, both kickers



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FLORIDA STATE

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Chris Rix completed 52 percent of his passes for 1,684 yards and 13 touchdowns as Florida State's on again-off again quarterback starter last fall, then he was suspended from competing in the Sugar Bowl for missing an exam. Rix returns for the defending ACC champions, along with sophomore Fabian Walker, who received a mostly unpleasant baptism of fire as the Sugar Bowl starter. Tailback Greg Jones led the ACC with 104.2 rushing yards per game, and Craphonso Thorpe, Dominic Robinson, P.K. Sam and Chris Davis man a first-rate wideout corps. The offensive line needs four new starters.

Darnell Dockett, Jeff Womble and Travis Johnson comprise a formidable defensive tackle rotation. Linebackers Kendyll Pope and Michael Boulware are tackling machines. Cornerbacks Stanford Samuels and Bryant McFadden shared the team lead with three interceptions apiece, and Samuels ran one back 82 yards to paydirt against Georgia Tech.

The 2003 Noles will host Miami and visit Notre Dame. In the conference, Maryland and NC State are home games; the Virginia contest is in Charlottesville.

Holiday cheer: Over the last 18 years, the Seminoles are 14-4 in bowl games.

Dominance: Since joining the ACC 11 years ago, Florida State is 83-5 in league games.

2002 results: 9-5 (7-1 ACC) **Returning starters:** 4 offense, 11 defense, placekicker



Allen Rice

OREGON STATE

16

Mike Riley returns to a program he coached in 1997 and '98 before a four-year engagement in the NFL. In the meantime, Oregon State has risen to the status of a player on the national stage. After backing up Jonathan Smith as a freshman in 2001, Derek Anderson took over as the Beavers' starting quarterback last season and threw for 3,313 yards and 25 touchdowns, but he needs to work on his accuracy (47.0 percent). His receivers, led by the explosive James Newson, are among the fastest humans on the planet. But Riley might employ the passing game just to loosen up defenses for tailback Steven Jackson, who returns after rushing for 1,690 yards and 15 touchdowns last fall.

There are holes to fill on defense, but the returnees include end Bill Swancutt, who posted a team-high 21 tackles for loss, and safety Mitch Meeuwssen, who led the team with five interceptions.

The non-conference schedule isn't particularly challenging, though Fresno State on Sept. 6 could present problems. The Beavers will close out 2003 on the road at Oregon and USC.

Riley the Rebuilder: Riley ended his first stint at Oregon State in 1998 following a 5-6 season, the best in Corvallis in 27 years.

Ground assault: The Beavers paced the Pac-10 in rushing last fall at 148.7 yards a game.

2002 results: 8-5 (4-4 Pac-10) **Returning starters:** 9 offense, 6 defense, both kickers



John Gross

MARYLAND

17

Seeing his first live action since transferring from West Virginia and sitting out a year per NCAA rules, Maryland quarterback Scott McBrien got off to a slow start last season. But once he got rolling he guided the Terps to 10 wins in their last 11 games, throwing for 15 touchdowns and running for seven more. Six of his top seven receivers are back, led by Jafar Williams, who averaged better than 20 yards per catch. If injury-slowed tailback Bruce Perry can return to his ACC Offensive Player of the Year form of 2001, opponents would be ill-advised to key on the passing game.

The defense returns almost intact. Key word: almost. Linebacker E.J. Henderson was the ACC Defensive Player of the Year two years in a row, and replacing him is a lot to ask. Tackle Randy Starks, linebacker Leon Joe and cornerback Curome Cox are among the ACC's best at their respective positions.

The Terps will test the water early with a Sept. 6 date at Florida State. Virginia and at NC State in consecutive November matchups could settle the conference's upper division.

Elite status: Maryland is one of just five schools in Division I-A to have won 10 or more games in each of the last two seasons.

Rare feat: In 2002, the Terps won 11 games for the first time since 1976 and only the second time ever.

2002 results: 11-3 (6-2 ACC) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 9 defense, placekicker



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LSU

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It was the Play of the Year — the Bluegrass Miracle — the 75-yard Marcus Randall-to-Devery Henderson Hail Mary that won last year's Kentucky game 33-30 as time expired. Randall and Henderson both return in 2003, but Randall has company at quarterback in the person of Matt Mauck, who had led the Tigers to a 5-1 record before a foot injury shelved him for the year. Henderson is joined at wide receiver by Michael Clayton, one of the SEC's most dangerous.

The Bayou Bengals' defense finished eighth overall in Division I-A last season, and seven starters return to action. Leading tackler Bradie James is gone, but All-SEC cornerback Corey Webster is back after notching seven interceptions last fall. Ends Marcus Spears and Marquise Hill and tackle Chad Lavalais return to one of the most ferocious front lines SEC foes will have to face.

The Tigers of LSU will battle it out with the Tigers of Auburn on Oct. 25 in Baton Rouge for supremacy in the SEC West.

Stingy: LSU fielded the No. 2 pass defense in the land last fall, allowing 152.7 yards per game.

Happy New Year: The Tigers have played in back-to-back New Year's Day bowl games for the first time since the '60s.

2002 results: 8-5 (5-3 SEC) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 7 defense, punter



Courtland Richards

PURDUE

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The top two receivers in the Big Ten last season were Taylor Stubblefield and John Standeford — they combined to catch 152 passes for over 2,000 yards — and both return to action for Purdue this season. Kyle Orton, a prolific passer, and Brandon Kirsch, who averaged a team-high 5.9 yards per carry while also completing 59 percent of his passes, both return at quarterback.

The offensive line needs three new starters, but the defensive front four returns intact. The Boilers' top three tacklers — linebackers Niko Koutouvides and Landon Johnson and free safety Stuart Schweigert — and top two pass thieves — Koutouvides and cornerback Jacques Reeves — are all back.

Seven of Purdue's 2003 opponents are coming off bowl games. The Boilermakers catch Notre Dame in the friendly confines of Ross-Ade Stadium in September, but must travel to Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio State in the second half of the season.

Best of both: Purdue led the Big Ten in both total offense and total defense last season.

Postseason fixtures: Purdue joins Michigan as the only schools in the Big Ten to go to bowl games each of the last six seasons.

2002 results: 7-6 (4-4 Big Ten) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 9 defense, both kickers



Steve Woltmann

FLORIDA

20

Florida's 8-5 record in 2002 was its worst since 1989, the year before the Steve Spurrier era began. Ron Zook threw himself into recruiting this past off-season with zeal and hauled in a boatload of riches, but the Gators are a year or two away from returning to top-five status. Chris Leak, the headliner of this year's recruiting class, could shake things up at QB, where sophomore Ingle Martin finished spring practice No. 1. Carlos Perez and Kelvin Kight highlight a receiving corps that incoming freshman Andre Caldwell will be highlighting before long.

The offensive line is one of the SEC's best, particularly the left side, where tackle Max Starks and guard Shannon Snell are stationed. Junior college All-Americans Eric Holcombe at tackle and Reynaldo Hill at cornerback could be of immediate help in a defense gutted by graduation and NFL defections.

The Gators travel to Miami on Sept. 6 and host Florida State on Nov. 29. In between are games with Tennessee in Gainesville, LSU in Baton Rouge and Georgia in Jacksonville.

Go for it: Florida finished 106th nationally last season in net punting (36.1 yards).

Both ways: Keiwan Ratliff was the only player in the nation to score on a pass reception and an interception return.

2002 results: 8-5 (6-2 SEC) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 3 defense, both kickers



Courtland Richards

ALABAMA

21

Brodie Croyle started two games as Alabama's quarterback a year ago and takes over full-time in 2003. He completed less than half his pass attempts and broke even on his touchdown-to-interception ratio (5/5), but now he will be managing the whole game with a chance to get into a rhythm. And he will have some potent weapons at his disposal. Last year's top Tide target, Triandos Luke, is back along with Antonio Carter, who redshirted in 2002 to rehab a leg injury. Carter's 106 career receptions tie him for fourth in Bama history. Shaud Williams spearheads the ground game after rushing for 921 yards at 7.1 per carry last fall.

The offensive line is short on numbers, but tackle Wesley Britt and guard Justin Smiley are among the best in the SEC. Anthony Bryant and Ahmad Childress will step into the defensive tackle vacancies without missing a beat, and the top three tacklers all return in the back seven.

Bama fans are licking their chops over Oklahoma's return visit to Tuscaloosa on Sept 6. The conference schedule concludes with LSU in Bryant-Denny Stadium and a trip to Auburn.

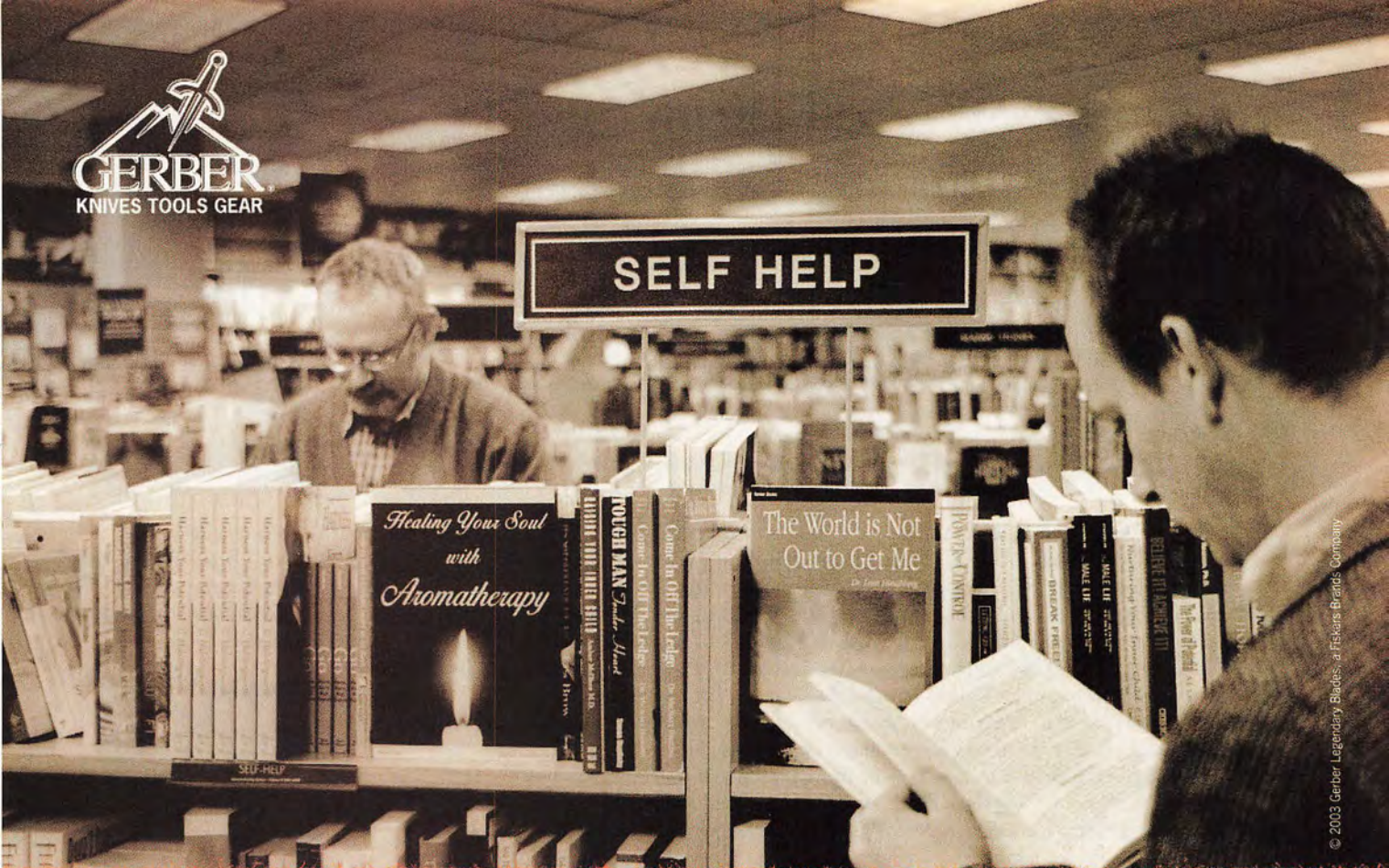
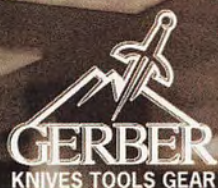
Home cooking: Alabama starts the 2003 season with five home games.

Typical Tide: Alabama finished 2002 ranked fourth nationally in rushing defense and third overall.

2002 results: 10-3 (6-2 SEC) **Returning starters:** 6 offense, 6 defense, placekicker



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NOTRE DAME

Quarterback Carlyle Holiday should be much more comfortable in the pocket after a year in coach Ty Willingham's West Coast system, but 6'4" youngsters who were born to run this offense are starting to line up behind him. Omar Jenkins, Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight will headline a terrific wide receiver corps once the machine gets in gear. Tailback Ryan Grant was banged up all season and still ran for over 1,000 yards, and Julius Jones could return to the backfield after spending last year getting his academics in order.

The Irish defense should be tough up the middle, where four fifth-year seniors are stationed. Cornerback Vontez Duff became the first player in school history to return an interception, a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns in the same season.

Three of Notre Dame's 2003 opponents were BCS participants last season. Five are coming off bowl victories. Six of the first eight foes on the schedule won nine or more games.

Progress report: The 2002 Irish offense failed to find the end zone in either of its first two games or its last two games.

Collapse: The Irish lost their last two games by a combined score of 72-19.

2002 results: 10-3 **Returning starters:** 5 offense, 8 defense, placekicker



Al Koolstra

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VIRGINIA

Billy McMullen, the leading receiver in UVa history, and leading tackler Angelo Crowell are gone, but Virginia quarterback Matt Schaub was the ACC's leading passer and Player of the Year last fall, and he's back. Coach Al Groh hit the mother lode in recruiting last year, and he threw his novices right into the fire. Tight end Heath Miller was the ACC's top pass-catching tight end and a Freshman All-American, running back Wali Lundy led the Cavs in rushing and the nation's freshmen in all-purpose yardage, and linebacker Darryl Blackstock was the National Defensive Freshman of the Year.

Offensive tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson, the anchor of the offensive line, and end Kwakou Robinson, one of four returning D-Line starters, also broke in last year as true freshmen. The linebacking corps of Blackstock, Kai Parham and Ahmad Brooks, who comes to Charlottesville via Hargrove Military Academy, will make history before their college days are done.

The Cavaliers play host to Florida State in midseason and to Virginia Tech in the finale, but must travel to NC State and Maryland for consecutive November matchups.

Youth movement: Of Virginia's 22 bowl game starters, nine were freshmen.

Ball! Virginia led the nation last season in fumble recoveries with 22.

2002 results: 9-5 (6-2 ACC) **Returning starters:** 9 offense, 7 defense, both kickers



Bill Wood

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TENNESSEE

Tennessee players are the first to admit that leadership and discipline were missing ingredients from last year's team. A deluge of injuries compounded the problem. The 8-5 campaign of 2002 was Tennessee's worst since 1988, and the 30-3 loss to Maryland in the Peach Bowl has left a foul aftertaste. And now coach Phillip Fulmer needs to replace six of his starting defensive front seven, including the team's top two tacklers. End Constantin Ritzmann and linebacker Kevin Burnett were projected starters who spent all or most of last season on the shelf and are back to bolster the defensive front.

Quarterback Casey Clausen played through injuries that would have kept a lesser man on the sideline and still completed 62.6 percent of his passes. But the 2003 Volunteers should stick mostly to the ground, with backs Cedric Houston, Jabari Davis and Gerald Riggs pounding the ball inside. Four returning starters in the offensive line will pave the way.

Those seven home games on the 2003 schedule look good, but the road trips to Florida, Auburn, Alabama and Miami aren't so pretty.

Lowest high: Cedric Houston's 779 rushing yards were the Vols' lowest team-leading total in 14 years.

Unfamiliar ground: Tennessee finished 85th nationally in total offense last season.

2002 results: 8-5 (5-3 SEC) **Returning starters:** 8 offense, 4 defense, punter



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MISSOURI

Last season, Missouri quarterback Brad Smith joined former Clemson quarterback Woodrow Dantzler as the only two players to pass for 2,000 yards and run for 1,000 yards in the same season. And Smith was just a redshirt freshman. Former starting quarterback Darius Outlaw seems to thrive as a wide receiver — he caught 46 balls last season, his first in that role — and should compensate nicely for the graduation of Justin Gage, the most prolific receiver in school history.

Tailback Zack Abnon returns behind an offensive line well stocked with stalwart veterans and anchored by All-Big 12 tackle Rob Droege. Aتيyah Ellison will be called upon to steady a defensive line that suffered major graduation hits. Linebacker James Kinney, the Tigers' leading tackler last fall, was first-team All-Big 12. Cornerback Michael Harden registered a team-high 15 pass breakups and a pair of picks.

The schedule brings Nebraska and Texas A&M to Faurot Field in 2003, but the Tigers face road trips to both Oklahoma and Kansas State.

Ball protection: The 2002 Tigers committed just 12 turnovers, the fewest in the nation.

Quick study: After just one season, Tiger quarterback Brad Smith already ranks eighth on the school's career total offense chart with 3,362 yards.

2002 results: 5-7 (2-6 Big 12) **Returning starters:** 9 offense, 6 defense, both kickers



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ACC

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Clemson	7	8	1	9	8	6	5
Duke	8	5	5	8	4	7	4
Florida State	5	2	3	4	2	1	2
Georgia Tech	6	4	7	3	3	3	9
Maryland	4	6	4	5	6	4	1
NC State	2	3	2	1	7	5	3
North Carolina	3	9	8	7	5	9	6
Virginia	1	1	6	2	1	2	8
Wake Forest	9	7	9	6	9	8	7

Layne Murdoch



BIG 12

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Baylor	10	11	9	12	12	8	12
Colorado	11	5	7	9	3	11	5
Iowa State	12	9	2	3	4	7	4
Kansas	9	12	11	11	10	12	10
Kansas State	2	1	10	5	6	3	3
Missouri	1	8	8	2	7	5	8
Nebraska	7	7	12	7	8	4	6
Oklahoma	5	6	6	1	1	1	1
Oklahoma State	3	3	4	8	9	6	7
Texas	6	2	1	6	2	2	2
Texas A&M	4	4	5	4	5	9	9
Texas Tech	8	10	3	10	11	10	11

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BIG EAST

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Boston College	6	2	6	5	5	4	5
Miami	4	4	1	1	3	1	1
Pittsburgh	1	5	2	2	2	5	3
Rutgers	8	8	8	7	7	8	6
Syracuse	7	1	5	4	4	7	7
Temple	5	7	7	8	8	6	8
Virginia Tech	2	3	3	3	1	2	2
West Virginia	3	6	4	6	6	3	4

Steve Voltmann



BIG TEN

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Illinois	5	9	9	4	5	8	4
Indiana	11	8	5	11	11	11	10
Iowa	10	4	8	9	2	6	7
Michigan	4	6	4	1	6	4	1
Michigan State	9	11	10	8	8	10	11
Minnesota	6	1	7	3	4	7	6
Northwestern	8	7	11	10	10	9	9
Ohio State	1	3	3	2	1	5	2
Penn State	2	10	6	6	9	2	8
Purdue	3	5	2	7	7	1	5
Wisconsin	7	2	1	5	3	3	3

Courtland Richards



C-USA

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Army	11	8	9	11	9	10	11
Cincinnati	1	10	10	7	8	9	4
East Carolina	8	2	7	1	10	6	9
Houston	7	11	4	2	3	11	8
Louisville	9	7	1	3	4	7	6
Memphis	2	5	5	10	6	2	3
South Florida	10	6	8	4	5	8	2
Southern Miss	5	9	3	8	2	1	1
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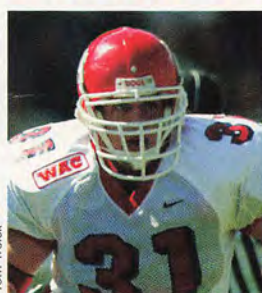
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MAC

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Akron	2	6	6	5	7	10	10
Ball State	12	10	13	13	10	6	12
Bowling Green	3	8	7	10	8	11	2
Buffalo	10	14	12	14	12	14	13
Central Michigan	11	9	9	8	11	4	11
Eastern Michigan	14	12	10	12	13	9	14
Kent State	5	11	11	9	14	5	9
Marshall	6	3	1	4	1	3	8
Miami	1	4	3	3	5	7	7
Northern Illinois	8	1	8	2	2	2	1
Ohio	13	5	14	6	6	13	5
Toledo	7	2	4	1	9	8	6
Western Michigan	9	13	2	11	3	12	4
UCF	4	7	5	7	4	1	3

MWC

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Air Force	5	5	8	2	4	6	7
BYU	6	4	5	6	3	3	1
Colorado State	1	7	1	3	6	1	3
New Mexico	2	2	4	1	1	5	6
San Diego State	7	8	6	8	7	2	2
UNLV	8	3	2	5	5	4	5
Utah	4	1	7	4	2	7	4
Wyoming	3	6	3	7	8	8	8

PAC-10

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Arizona	9	7	8	10	9	9	4
Arizona State	2	6	7	6	8	8	5
California	10	10	9	8	10	10	10
Oregon	3	9	5	2	7	6	6
Oregon State	6	1	3	5	4	2	7
Stanford	4	8	10	9	6	4	8
UCLA	5	2	4	4	3	3	3
USC	8	5	1	1	1	1	2
Washington	1	4	2	7	2	7	1
Washington State	7	3	6	3	5	5	9

SEC

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Alabama	7	5	8	6	4	3	9
Arkansas	9	4	6	1	9	2	3
Auburn	4	1	5	5	1	1	7
Florida	8	6	2	3	8	9	1
Georgia	1	9	4	10	2	8	2
Kentucky	5	12	9	7	10	12	11
LSU	6	7	1	2	3	6	6
Mississippi State	12	3	10	11	6	5	8
Ole Miss	2	10	3	9	11	11	5
South Carolina	11	11	11	8	7	7	10
Tennessee	3	2	7	4	5	4	4
Vanderbilt	10	8	12	12	12	10	12

SUN BELT

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Arkansas State	6	3	6	7	2	2	2
Idaho	1	4	3	4	4	8	8
Middle Tenn.	4	5	8	1	8	6	4
New Mexico State	2	2	7	5	3	3	7
North Texas	3	1	5	3	1	1	1
UL-Lafayette	7	6	2	6	5	4	6
UL-Monroe	5	7	1	2	6	5	3
Utah State	8	8	4	8	7	7	5

WAC

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Boise State	1	4	8	2	3	5	2
Fresno State	2	1	1	3	2	1	3
Hawaii	4	9	4	7	1	7	1
Louisiana Tech	3	10	2	8	8	8	7
Nevada	9	2	7	6	5	3	4
Rice	8	8	10	5	7	6	9
San Jose State	5	5	5	10	6	10	10
SMU	7	3	6	4	4	4	6
Tulsa	6	7	3	9	10	9	5
UTEP	10	6	9	1	9	2	8

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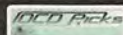
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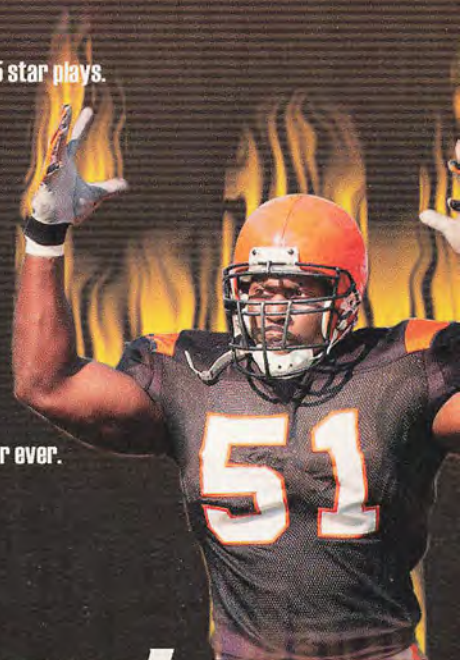
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CODY PICKETT Senior • Washington 6'4" 215

Last season Pickett broke just about every Washington passing yardage record in the book. He also became the first 4,000-yard passer in Pac-10 history, completing a hair under 60 percent of his passes for 4,458 yards and 28 touchdowns. He also broke the conference record for completions in a season with 365. The senior from Caldwell, Idaho, threw for 300-plus yards in 11 of 13 games last fall and exceeded 400 yards three times.



John Bettancourt

DARREN SPROLES Junior • Kansas State 5'7" 175

Sproles hinted at his potential, averaging 7.5 yards on 28 carries, in his injury-shortened freshman year of 2001. Then last season he exploded for 1,465 yards and 17 touchdowns, averaging 6.2 yards per carry and 112.7 per game. Sproles, who came to K-State from Olathe, Kan., also contributed 99 yards on pass receptions and 236 yards returning kicks and punts. He teams with quarterback Eli Roberson in a record-setting K-State backfield.



Peter Brouillet

STEVEN JACKSON Junior • Oregon State 6'3" 229

Jackson has emerged as arguably the premier running back in the nation. His 1,690 rushing yards and 1,855 all-purpose yards both broke Oregon State single-season records. His 130-yards-per-game average ranked eighth nationally. Jackson, a Las Vegas native, ran for over 100 yards nine times last fall and eclipsed the 200-yard mark on three separate occasions, including his season-high 239-yard effort against California.



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REGGIE WILLIAMS Junior • Washington 6'4" 220

In 2002, Williams turned in the best pass-catching campaign ever at Washington, and after just two years he is already the most prolific receiver in school history. His career numbers stand at 149 receptions at 16.3 yards per catch. The returning first-team All-American from Lakewood, Wash., caught 94 passes for 1,454 yards and 11 touchdowns last year alone. His 89-yard touchdown catch against San Jose State is another school record.



Larry Smith

RASHAUN WOODS Senior • Oklahoma State 6'2" 190

Woods could make All-America based on his performance in last year's Oklahoma game alone. With Cowboy QB Josh Fields also on fire that day, Woods torched the Sooners with 12 catches for a school single-game record 226 yards and three touchdowns. Two years ago, Woods set a school single-season record with 80 catches and led the Big 12 with 1,023 yards. Last season, he caught 107 passes for 1,695 yards and 17 touchdowns.



Bill Wood

KELLEN WINSLOW Junior • Miami 6'5" 233

The two finest pass-catching tight ends in history both might be named Kellen Winslow. The former Missouri and San Diego Charger star sits atop the list for now. The current Miami Hurricane is challenging his father for the distinction. As a sophomore last year, Winslow led the Canes in receiving with 57 catches for 726 yards and eight touchdowns, surpassing the school's single-season receiving records for tight ends in his first year as a starter.

OFFENSE



Courtland Richards

SHAWN ANDREWS

Junior • Arkansas 6'5" 371

Andrews' 2002 honors include first-team All-Southeastern Conference and first-team All-America, and he was awarded the Jacobs Trophy as the best blocker in the SEC. With Andrews stationed at right tackle, Arkansas led the conference and finished 12th nationally in rushing offense, and fielded a 1,000-yard rusher in Fred Talley. The home-grown giant registered 68 knockdown blocks in '02, including five in the Music City Bowl.



Charles Small

ANTONIO HALL

Senior • Kentucky 6'5" 299

Hall enters his senior season having started every game for Kentucky since arriving on campus as a true freshman in 2000. Last season, he was a first-team All-SEC selection. He was the top performer on an offensive line that paved the way for the conference's leading rusher, Artose Pinner. As the Wildcats' right tackle, he protects lefty Jared Lorenzen's blind side. He racked up 74 pancake blocks for the season, including 14 against LSU.



Peter Brouillet

JACOB ROGERS

Senior • USC 6'6" 305

Rogers returns as the Trojans' starting left tackle for the third straight year and teams with Winston Justice as the top offensive tackle tandem in the land. Rogers was named USC's Offensive Lineman of the Year after starting 11 games as a sophomore in 2001. Last season he was first-team All-Pac-10. He spiced up his outstanding 2002 campaign with a two-yard run on a lateral in the Trojans' trouncing of Notre Dame.



Peter Brouillet

JAMMAL BROWN

Junior • Oklahoma 6'6" 305

Brown captured first-team All-Big 12 honors as a sophomore last season, his first as a starter after seeing extensive playing time as a redshirt freshman in 2001. Positioned at right tackle for the Sooners, the Lawton, Okla., product registered 80 knockdown blocks. He helped clear the way for OU's 1,884-yard rusher, Quentin Griffin, and helped increase the team's average per rush by a full yard over the previous season.



Brian Ebner

NATE KAEING

Senior • Iowa 6'0" 177

Kaeding won the 2002 Lou Groza Award as the best placekicker in college football. He set a school record — and a Big Ten mark for kickers — by scoring 120 points. Almost 40 percent of his kickoffs are touchbacks.



Larry Smith

NICK LECKEY

Senior • Kansas State 6'4" 285

After starting every game at left guard for Kansas State the last two years, Leckey moves to center for his senior season. Leckey was a second-team All-Big 12 selection as a sophomore in 2001 and was unanimously named first-team All-Big 12 last season. Leckey spearheaded the blocking charge for a Wildcat offense that led the nation with 49 rushing touchdowns and set a school record with 3,209 rushing yards.



Brad Schloss

BRODERICK CLARK

Sophomore • Louisville 6'0" 191

Clark is the top returnee among the nation's kick returners entering 2003. The sophomore from Birmingham, Ala., averaged 28.9 yards on 31 kickoff returns as a redshirt freshman in 2002, scoring twice.

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CLAUDE HARRIOTT

Senior • Pittsburgh 6'4" 270

Harriott amassed 78 tackles, 21 tackles for a loss and 9.5 sacks last season on his way to first-team All-Big East. His seven forced fumbles were second-most of any player in the country. The Belle Glade, Fla., import's three sacks in the Virginia Tech game were key to the Panthers' win over the No. 3-ranked Hokies. He capped off the season with a Defensive MVP performance in Pittsburgh's 38-13 Insight Bowl victory over Oregon State.



Ric Fogel

TOMMIE HARRIS

Junior • Oklahoma 6'3" 280

Harris wasted no time making a name for himself with a first-team All-Big 12 and Freshman All-America season in 2001. He was slowed somewhat by nagging injuries last fall and his numbers were a tad down, but he still landed on the AP, AFCA and Walter Camp Foundation All-America teams and repeated as first-team All-Big 12. Over his first two years the menacing tackle has compiled 24 tackles for a loss and has batted down three passes.



Ric Fogel

DARRION SCOTT

Senior • Ohio State 6'3" 271

A first-team All-Big Ten selection last season, Scott possesses both strength and quickness and can play either tackle or end. He finished the 2002 season with 43 tackles, 9.5 tackles for a loss and nine sacks. Scott arrived in Columbus from Charleston, W.V., in 2000 as a linebacker, was moved to end and established a reputation for big plays. He broke up four passes, forced three fumbles and recovered two last fall.

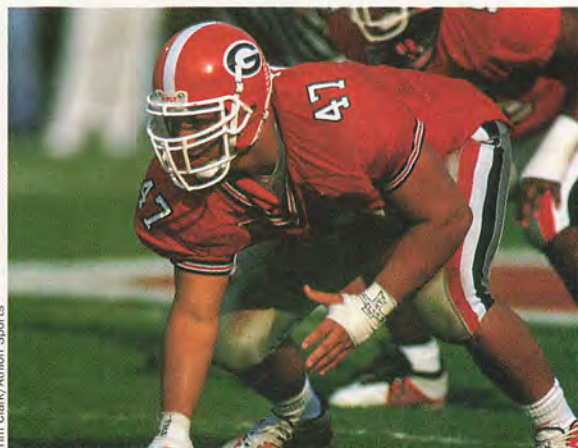


Layne Murdoch

TEDDY LEHMAN

Senior • Oklahoma 6'2" 241

Lehman was a consensus first-team All-American and one of three finalists for the Butkus Award last season. He compiled 112 tackles, including 17 for lost yardage. He now has 212 career tackles, 33 behind the line. He returned an interception 20 yards against Texas to set up the go-ahead touchdown and ran back another pick 31 yards against Colorado. Lehman capped off his campaign with two sacks in the Rose Bowl.

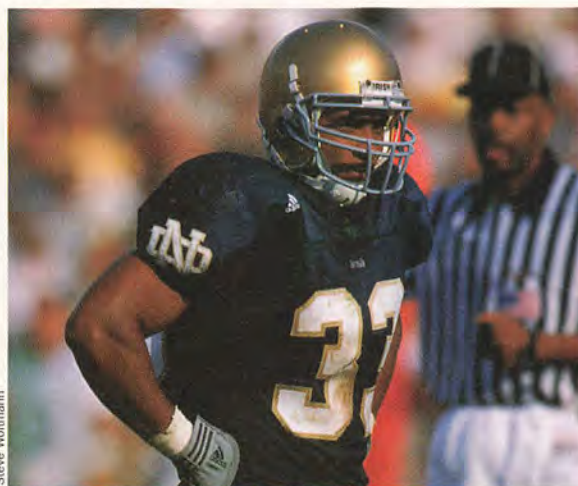


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DAVID POLLACK

Junior • Georgia 6'3" 278

As a freshman two years ago, Pollack started four games at defensive tackle and posted modest numbers. Last year he switched to end, much to the chagrin of the rest of the Southeastern Conference, and finished the season as the SEC Player of the Year. Pollack racked up 102 tackles, 23.5 for losses of 128 yards and 14 sacks for minus-99 yards. He also intercepted two passes, including an amazing take-away in the end zone against South Carolina.



Steve Woltmann

COURTNEY WATSON

Senior • Notre Dame 6'1" 234

Watson arrived at Notre Dame in 1999 as a lightly recruited, 190-pound tailback from Sarasota, Fla., and has morphed into a ferocious, 234-pound linebacker. Notre Dame rode its defense to 10 wins last fall, and Watson led the way with a team-high 90 tackles. He broke up eight passes and intercepted four, running one back 34 yards for a touchdown against Stanford. He also registered a 60-yard interception return against USC.

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Courtland Richards

ROD DAVIS

Senior • Southern Miss 6'3" 246

Davis has been bad news for Southern Miss opponents for three years. A ferocious hitter with uncanny instincts, Davis notched 168 tackles in 2002. Of that number, 122 were solo stops and 23.5 were for negative yardage. He now has 362 tackles for his career, 40.5 behind the line, and he has intercepted two passes in each of his first three years.

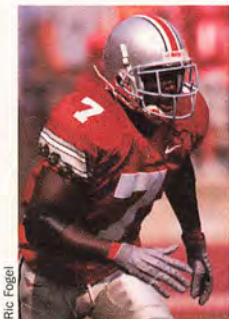


Bill Wood

SEAN TAYLOR

Junior • Miami 6'3" 220

There isn't a weakness in Taylor's game. As Miami's free safety, he plays the run like a linebacker and covers receivers like a cornerback. He has size and speed and hits with gusto. A first-team All-Big East selection in his first year as a starter last fall, Taylor notched 85 tackles, intercepted four passes with 122 yards in returns, and broke up 15 other passes. His 2002 exploits also include a blocked kick and a punt return for a touchdown.



Ric Fogel

CHRIS GAMBLE

Junior • Ohio State 6'2" 180

Gamble was a regular on both offense and defense for the final six games of 2002. As a flanker, he averaged 16.1 yards on 31 catches. As a cornerback, he is an All-American. He intercepted a pass against Cincinnati on his very first play as a defensive back. All four of his 2002 picks were game-savers, including the one he returned 40 yards for a touchdown against Penn State. He also scored on a 43-yard reverse against Indiana.



Layne Murdoch

BRANDON EVERAGE

Senior • Oklahoma 6'0" 190

Two years ago, Everage was second-team All-Big 12. Last year he was an All-American. He started at free safety for the Sooners the entire season, collecting 94 total stops. Everage tied for the team lead with six interceptions and broke up 11 other passes. He now has 225 tackles, nine picks and 22 pass break-ups for his career. In the Colorado game, he posted 17 tackles and ran back an interception 64 yards.



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ANDY LEE

Senior • Pittsburgh 6'2" 205

Lee averaged 43.1 yards on 73 boots last season, with a long of 73 yards. The first-team All-Big East returner and conference co-Special Teams Player of the Year had 17 of his punts downed inside the 20.



Steve Woltmann

MARLIN JACKSON

Junior • Michigan 6'1" 189

Jackson started seven games at cornerback as a freshman for the Wolverines in 2001. Last year he started all 13 contests and totaled 51 tackles, including five for a loss, and one sack. He set school records for pass break-ups in a single game (six) and season (18), and intercepted three other passes, bringing his career total to six picks. He returned one of his 2002 INTs 19 yards for a touchdown against Notre Dame.



Charles Small

DEREK ABNEY

Junior • Kentucky 5'10" 175

Abney ran back four punts for touchdowns last season. He averaged 15.1 yards on 36 runbacks. He also averaged 14.2 yards on 40 pass receptions. And he also returned two kickoffs for touchdowns.

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FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Cody Pickett	6'4"	215	Sr.	Washington
RB	Steven Jackson	6'3"	229	Jr.	Oregon State
RB	Darren Sproles	5'7"	175	Jr.	Kansas State
WR	Reggie Williams	6'4"	220	Jr.	Washington
WR	Rashaun Woods	6'2"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma State
TE	Kellen Winslow	6'5"	233	Jr.	Miami
OL	Shawn Andrews	6'5"	371	Jr.	Arkansas
OL	Jammal Brown	6'6"	305	Jr.	Oklahoma
OL	Nick Leckey	6'4"	285	Sr.	Kansas State
OL	Antonio Hall	6'5"	299	Sr.	Kentucky
OL	Jacob Rogers	6'6"	305	Sr.	USC

DEFENSE

DL	Claude Harriott	6'4"	270	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Tommie Harris	6'3"	280	Jr.	Oklahoma
DL	Darrion Scott	6'3"	271	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	David Pollack	6'3"	278	Jr.	Georgia
LB	Teddy Lehman	6'2"	241	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Courtney Watson	6'1"	234	Sr.	Notre Dame
LB	Rod Davis	6'3"	246	Sr.	So. Miss
DB	Chris Gamble	6'2"	180	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Brandon Everage	6'0"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Sean Taylor	6'3"	220	Jr.	Miami
DB	Marlin Jackson	6'1"	189	Jr.	Michigan

SPECIALISTS

K	Nate Kaeding	6'0"	177	Sr.	Iowa
KR	Broderick Clark	6'0"	191	So.	Louisville

P	Andy Lee	6'2"	205	Sr.	Pittsburgh
PR	Derek Abney	5'10"	175	Jr.	Kentucky

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Brad Smith	6'3"	201	So.	Missouri
RB	Anthony Davis	5'8"	194	Jr.	Wisconsin
RB	Maurice Clarett	6'0"	230	So.	Ohio State
WR	Larry Fitzgerald	6'3"	210	So.	Pittsburgh
WR	Mike Williams	6'5"	210	So.	USC
TE	Ben Utecht	6'6"	250	Sr.	Minnesota
OL	Robert Gallery	6'7"	317	Sr.	Iowa
OL	David Baas	6'5"	320	Jr.	Michigan
OL	Stephen Peterman	6'4"	325	Sr.	LSU
OL	Rob Petitti	6'6"	330	Jr.	Pittsburgh
OL	Calvin Armstrong	6'8"	315	Jr.	Wash. State

DEFENSE

DL	Will Smith	6'4"	250	Sr.	Ohio State
DL	Jason Babin	6'4"	265	Sr.	Western Mich.
DL	Nathaniel Adibi	6'3"	255	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DL	Andrew Shull	6'5"	260	Sr.	Kansas State
LB	Derrick Johnson	6'4"	220	Jr.	Texas
LB	Karlos Dansby	6'5"	235	Sr.	Auburn
LB	Kirk Morrison	6'2"	240	Jr.	San Diego St.
DB	Vontez Duff	5'11"	194	Sr.	Notre Dame
DB	Jamaal Brimmer	6'1"	205	Jr.	UNLV
DB	Jim Leonhard	5'8"	180	Jr.	Wisconsin
DB	DeAngelo Hall	5'11"	198	Jr.	Virginia Tech

SPECIALISTS

K	Mike Nugent	5'10"	170	Jr.	Ohio State
KR	Jason Wright	5'10"	210	Sr.	Northwestern

P	Matt Payne	6'4"	240	Jr.	BYU
PR	Dan Sheldon	5'11"	175	Jr.	No. Illinois

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

QB	Matt Schaub	6'5"	240	Sr.	Virginia
RB	Michael Turner	6'0"	223	Sr.	No. Illinois
RB	Kevin Jones	6'0"	209	Jr.	Virginia Tech
WR	Bernard Berrian	6'2"	190	Sr.	Fresno State
WR	James Newson	6'1"	208	Sr.	Oregon State
TE	Heath Miller	6'5"	254	So.	Virginia
OL	Wesley Britt	6'8"	312	Jr.	Alabama
OL	Rob Droege	6'6"	300	Sr.	Missouri
OL	Nick Kaczur	6'5"	320	Jr.	Toledo
OL	Chris Colmer	6'6"	305	Sr.	NC State
OL	Tony Pape	6'6"	305	Sr.	Michigan

DEFENSE

DL	Kenechi Udeze	6'4"	280	Jr.	USC
DL	Brandon Kennedy	5'10"	315	Sr.	North Texas
DL	Cedric Hilliard	6'2"	295	Sr.	Notre Dame
DL	Howard Hodges	6'2"	255	Sr.	Iowa
LB	Matt Grootegeod	5'11"	205	Jr.	USC
LB	Grant Wiley	6'1"	230	Sr.	West Virginia
LB	Jonathan Vilma	6'2"	208	Sr.	Miami
DB	Etric Pruitt	6'0"	185	Sr.	So. Miss
DB	Derrick Strait	5'11"	194	Sr.	Oklahoma
DB	Bob Sanders	5'8"	202	Sr.	Iowa
DB	Corey Webster	6'0"	197	Sr.	LSU

SPECIALISTS

K	Billy Bennett	5'8"	175	Sr.	Georgia
KR	Nate Jones	5'10"	180	Sr.	Rutgers

P	Cody Scates	6'0"	182	Sr.	Texas A&M
PR	Wes Welker	5'9"	190	Sr.	Texas Tech

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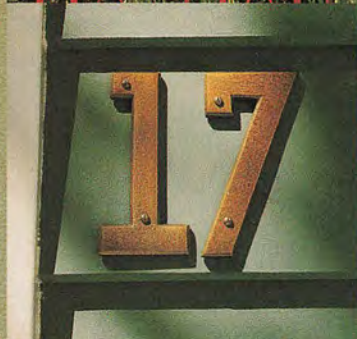
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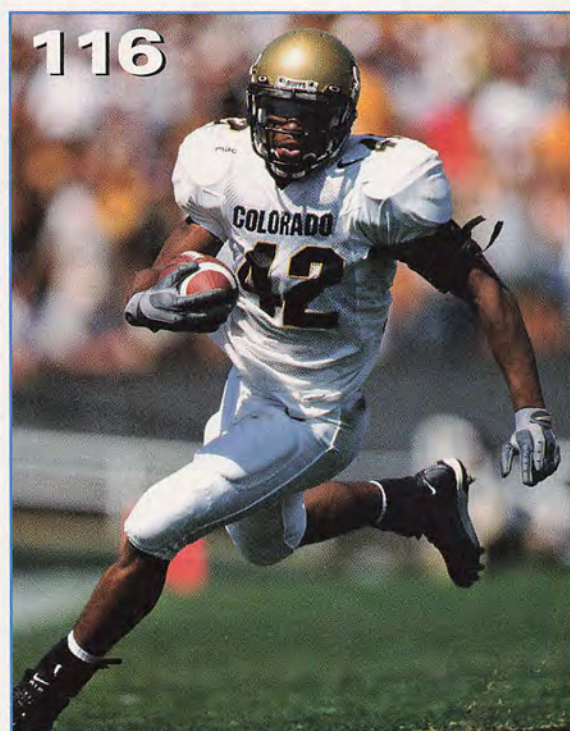
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previewing the **Big 12** conference

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel offered a succinct explanation as to why Oklahoma's defense was so strong last season. "Great players," he said. Nearly all return, including linebacker Teddy Lehman, tackle Tommie Harris and defensive backs Brandon Everage and Derrick Strait.

The Sooners lost only two defensive starters, Andre Woolfolk and Jimmy Wilkerson, who opted for the NFL draft with eligibility remaining, and all but one of the top back-ups return.

Add to that the return of quarterback Jason White, operating behind a line built around Jammal Brown, Wes Sims and Vince Carter, and Oklahoma has the look of a national title contender.

Then again, so does Texas, bolstered by the return of wide receiver Roy Williams, and possibly even Kansas State, which continues to prove the strength of coach Bill Snyder's program.

The Longhorns and Wildcats both have solid defenses and big-play potential on offense. Whether or not Texas is a title contender will be determined by mid-October. The Longhorns get Kansas State in Austin on Oct. 4, a week before playing Oklahoma in Dallas.

Because of the Big 12's inter-division scheduling, Oklahoma and Kansas State can only meet in the conference title game at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City on Dec. 6.

In any case, the road to the national championship could well go through the Big 12 with one of those three teams — most likely Oklahoma — emerging as a participant in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.

New Faces in Charge

The Big 12 has two new head coaches in Dennis Franchione at Texas A&M and Guy Morriss at Baylor. Both spent the last two seasons in the Southeastern Conference. Franchione, whose move from Alabama created considerable controversy, is the nation's eighth-winningest active coach by percentage, with a record of 155-73-2 (.678). He ranks seventh among active coaches in victories. Morriss spent the past six seasons at Kentucky, including the last two as head coach.

Modest, Too

Texas wide receiver Roy Williams would have been a first-round NFL draft pick had he decided to leave early. But much to the delight of the Longhorns, he announced he was coming back well in advance of their Cotton Bowl victory against



Oklahoma cornerback Antonio Perkins

Projected Finish North

1. Kansas State
2. Missouri
3. Colorado
4. Nebraska
5. Iowa State
6. Kansas

South

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Oklahoma St.
4. Texas A&M
5. Texas Tech
6. Baylor

2002 Big 12 Standings

North	Conf.	Overall	South	Conf.	Overall
Colorado	7-1	9-5	Oklahoma	6-2	12-2
Kansas State	6-2	11-2	Texas	6-2	11-2
Iowa State	4-4	7-7	Texas Tech	5-3	9-5
Nebraska	3-5	7-7	Oklahoma State	5-3	8-5
Missouri	2-6	5-7	Texas A&M	3-5	6-6
Kansas	0-8	2-10	Baylor	1-7	3-9

2002 Big 12 Bowl Results

Tangerine Bowl	Texas Tech	55	Clemson	15
Independence Bowl	Ole Miss	27	Nebraska	23
Humanitarian Bowl	Boise State	34	Iowa State	16
Houston Bowl	Oklahoma St.	33	So. Miss	23
Holiday Bowl	Kansas St.	34	Arizona State	27
Alamo Bowl	Wisconsin	31	Colorado	28
Cotton Bowl	Texas	35	LSU	20
Rose Bowl	Oklahoma	34	Wash. State	14

Big 12 Conference

LSU and held firm, indicating that he still had things to prove. He was chosen as the Cotton Bowl's Offensive MVP but said he didn't deserve the award.

Tough Road Ahead

Colorado can't be accused of scheduling a good record. The Buffaloes, who went 2-2 in non-conference play a year ago, have a non-league slate that includes Colorado State in Denver, UCLA and Washington State in Boulder and a trip to Florida State to finish off the year. Colorado's 2002 schedule was rated the nation's 13th most difficult, with nine bowl teams on it. The Buffaloes' 2001 schedule was rated the nation's second-toughest, and their 2000 schedule was rated the fourth-toughest.

Losses on the Line

Kansas State had to replace not only three starters on its offensive line but also line coach and running game coordinator Paul Dunn, who left to be an assistant at Kentucky, as did Ron Hudson, who had been Kansas State's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

House Cleaning

Nebraska, long noted for staff stability, will have a new look in 2003. In the wake of a 7-7 season, the Cornhuskers' worst since 1961, coach Frank Solich replaced six assistants and gave up responsibilities of offensive coordinator. In addition to replacing himself with Barney Cotton, he hired Bo Pelini to coordinate the defense and promoted Turner Gill to assistant head coach.

Shoring Up the Defense

Texas Tech led the conference in total offense, on the arm of the departed Kliff Kingsbury, but the Red Raiders struggled defensively, allowing over 400 yards and 31 points per game. In hopes of rectifying the problem, coach Mike Leach hired Lyle Setencich from California to coordinate the defense. He also hired Charlie Sadler as a defensive assistant and promoted linebackers coach Ruffin McNeill to assistant head coach. In 1987, when he was the head coach at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Setencich gave Leach his first collegiate coaching job.



David Preston

Nebraska coach Frank Solich

The Big 12 Athlon Awards



QBs.....Missouri
RBs Kansas State
TE/WRs.....Texas
O-Line Oklahoma
D-Line Oklahoma
LBs.....Oklahoma
DBs Oklahoma

An Athlon Award is handed out to the best units in each conference.
 See page 60 for complete rankings from each conference.

Big 12 Unit Rankings

Team	QB	RB	WR/TE	OL	DL	LB	DB
Baylor	10	11	9	12	12	8	12
Colorado	11	5	7	9	3	11	5
Iowa State	12	9	2	3	4	7	4
Kansas	9	12	11	11	10	12	10
Kansas State	2	1	10	5	6	3	3
Missouri	1	8	8	2	7	5	8
Nebraska	7	7	12	7	8	4	6
Oklahoma	5	6	6	1	1	1	1
Oklahoma St.	3	3	4	8	9	6	7
Texas	6	2	1	6	2	2	2
Texas A&M	4	4	5	4	5	9	9
Texas Tech	8	10	3	10	11	10	11

2002 Big 12 Team Stats & Rankings

Team	Scoring O	Rush O	Pass O	Total O	Scoring D	Rush D	Pass D	Total D
Baylor	16.8 (12)	103.4 (11)	231.5 (6)	374.5 (11)	41.3 (11)	163.6 (7)	241.7 (10)	405.2 (10)
Colorado	28.4 (9)	232.8 (3)	141.7 (11)	374.5 (9)	23.2 (4)	170.1 (10)	195.6 (5)	365.7 (7)
Iowa State	28.9 (7)	145.0 (7)	236.3 (5)	381.3 (8)	28.3 (8)	174.6 (11)	184.3 (3)	358.9 (5)
Kansas	20.7 (11)	126.2 (9)	190.5 (9)	316.8 (12)	42.2 (12)	256.2 (12)	216.2 (8)	472.4 (12)
Kansas State	44.7 (1)	264.5 (2)	158.9 (10)	423.4 (2)	11.8 (1)	69.5 (1)	179.5 (2)	249.0 (1)
Missouri	30.0 (6)	183.7 (5)	203.2 (7)	386.8 (5)	29.3 (9)	167.8 (9)	282.6 (12)	450.3 (11)
Nebraska	27.4 (10)	268.7 (1)	104.4 (12)	373.1 (10)	23.9 (6)	146.6 (5)	215.3 (7)	361.9 (6)
Oklahoma	38.6 (2)	190.6 (4)	202.0 (8)	392.6 (4)	15.4 (2)	107.9 (2)	185.3 (4)	293.1 (2)
Oklahoma State	34.2 (4)	148.5 (6)	262.6 (3)	411.1 (3)	27.4 (7)	147.1 (6)	251.6 (11)	398.7 (8)
Texas	33.8 (5)	135.5 (8)	250.1 (4)	385.6 (7)	16.3 (3)	142.5 (4)	165.2 (1)	307.7 (3)
Texas A&M	28.8 (8)	118.2 (10)	268.0 (2)	386.2 (6)	23.3 (5)	130.9 (3)	207.5 (6)	338.4 (4)
Texas Tech	38.4 (3)	99.4 (12)	388.8 (1)	488.2 (1)	31.4 (10)	163.9 (8)	239.6 (9)	403.5 (9)

Big 12 Conference

Preseason All-Big 12 First Team

Offense

QB	Brad Smith	6'2"	205	So.	Missouri	Second I-A player to pass for 2,000, rush for 1,000.
RB	Darren Sproles	5'7"	170	Jr.	Kansas State	Big 12's leading returning rusher.
RB	Tatum Bell	5'11"	210	Sr.	Oklahoma State	Averaged 6.3 yards per carry.
WR	Rashaun Woods	6'2"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma State	Another 100-plus receptions in the offing.
WR	Roy Williams	6'4"	210	Sr.	Texas	Horns happy he returned for senior season.
TE	Thomas Hill	6'5"	260	Sr.	Kansas State	Solid blocker and pass-catcher.
OL	Nick Leckey	6'4"	285	Sr.	Kansas State	Foundation of a rebuilt Wildcat line.
OL	Jammal Brown	6'6"	305	Jr.	Oklahoma	Simplified scheme means more aggressiveness.
OL	Rob Droege	6'6"	300	Sr.	Missouri	Graded best in a veteran front.
OL	Marwan Hage	6'3"	295	Sr.	Colorado	Allowed only one sack and penalized only once.
OL	A.J. Ricker	6'4"	295	Sr.	Missouri	Has started every game during his career.

Defense

DL	Tommie Harris	6'4"	280	Jr.	Oklahoma	Should be Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year.
DL	Andrew Shull	6'5"	260	Sr.	Kansas State	Recorded 10 sacks last season.
DL	Jordan Carstens	6'5"	303	Sr.	Iowa State	Arrived as 228-pound walk-on. Now look at him.
DL	Marques Harris	6'2"	230	Sr.	Colorado	Difficult to contain on the perimeter.
LB	Teddy Lehman	6'2"	241	Sr.	Oklahoma	Sideline to sideline with DB's speed.
LB	Derrick Johnson	6'4"	220	Jr.	Texas	Horns' second Butkus Award semifinalist.
LB	James Kinney	6'1"	233	Jr.	Missouri	Tackling machine, with 148 in 2002.
DB	Brandon Everage	6'0"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma	Intense free safety will come up and hit.
DB	Derrick Strait	5'11"	194	Sr.	Oklahoma	Clamp-down corner with six interceptions.
DB	Nathan Vasher	5'11"	180	Sr.	Texas	Nose for the ball, broke up 15 passes.
DB	Ryan Aycock	6'1"	208	Sr.	Texas Tech	Run support reflected in 151 tackles.

Specialists

K	Dusty Mangum	5'11"	170	Jr.	Texas	School-record 95 consecutive extra points.
P	Cody Scates	6'1"	201	Sr.	Texas A&M	Led the league with a 43.7-yard average in 2002.
KR	Greg Heaggans	6'0"	185	So.	Kansas	Has broken 100-yarder to score.
PR	Wes Welker	5'9"	190	Sr.	Texas Tech	Set NCAA record with 57 punt returns in 2002.

Preseason All-Big 12 Second Team

Offense

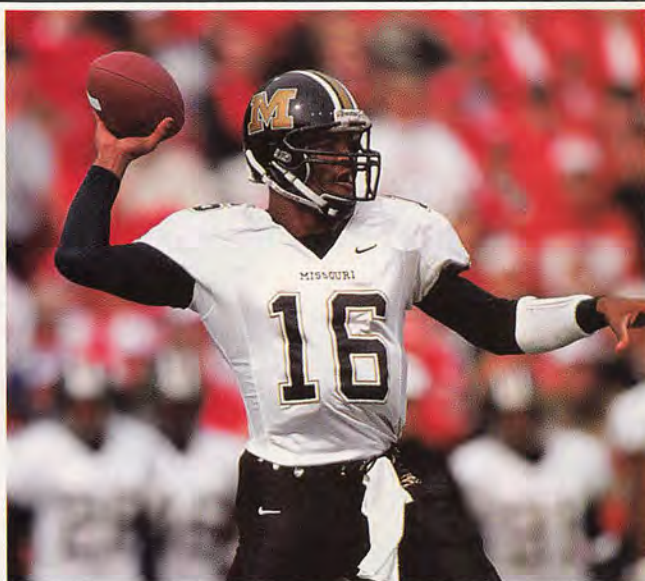
QB	Ell Roberson	6'1"	205	Sr.	Kansas State
RB	Cedric Benson	6'0"	205	Jr.	Texas
RB	Taurean Henderson	5'9"	187	So.	Texas Tech
WR	Lane Danielsen	6'0"	192	Sr.	Iowa State
WR	Wes Welker	5'9"	190	Sr.	Texas Tech
TE	Matt Herian	6'5"	240	So.	Nebraska
OL	Jonathan Scott	6'7"	297	So.	Texas
OL	Wes Sims	6'5"	317	Jr.	Oklahoma
OL	Richie Incognito	6'3"	300	So.	Nebraska
OL	Daniel Loper	6'7"	325	Jr.	Texas Tech
OL	Bob Montgomery	6'2"	306	Sr.	Iowa State

Defense

DL	Kory Klein	6'2"	285	Sr.	Oklahoma
DL	Marcus Tubbs	6'4"	305	Sr.	Texas
DL	Jonathan Jackson	6'3"	235	Jr.	Oklahoma
DL	Greg Richmond	6'2"	240	Sr.	Oklahoma State
LB	Josh Buhl	6'0"	210	Sr.	Kansas State
LB	Lance Mitchell	6'3"	246	Sr.	Oklahoma
LB	Brandon Brown	5'10"	229	Jr.	Iowa State
DB	Rashad Washington	6'3"	210	Sr.	Kansas State
DB	Medford Mooror	6'2"	195	Sr.	Colorado
DB	JaMaine Billups	5'9"	202	Sr.	Iowa State
DB	Philip Bland	5'11"	205	Jr.	Nebraska

Specialists

K	Adam Benike	5'10"	230	Sr.	Iowa State
P	Kyle Larson	6'0"	205	Sr.	Nebraska
KR	Josh Davis	5'11"	205	Sr.	Nebraska
PR	Antonio Perkins	6'0"	186	Jr.	Oklahoma



Missouri quarterback Brad Smith

Recruiting Rankings

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. Oklahoma | 7. Oklahoma St. |
| 2. Texas A&M | 8. Texas Tech |
| 3. Texas | 9. Kansas |
| 4. Colorado | 10. Missouri |
| 5. Nebraska | 11. Iowa State |
| 6. Kansas State | 12. Baylor |



Since the formation of the Big 12, Baylor has had as many head coaches (four) as conference victories. During that time, the Bears have modified their uniforms, built new facilities and changed playing surfaces. In spite of the changes, Baylor has remained in last place in the Big 12 South for seven consecutive seasons, compiling an all-time league record of 4-52. So, what makes anyone believe Guy Morriss will turn Baylor's fortunes around?

For one thing, he's done it before in a power conference. In two seasons at Kentucky, he took the Wildcats from 2-9 to 7-5. Morriss sees similarities between his old employer and his new one, and he believes he can eventually win in Waco.

"(Baylor) didn't get broken overnight; it's not going to get fixed overnight," Morriss says. "We know it will take time, but we want to compete right away. I don't want to look up in the stands and see people leaving at halftime knowing the game is over. We want to be competitive right away."

That would definitely be a step in the right direction.

quarterbacks

Morriss says he would like to throw the ball 60 percent of the time. That's music to Aaron Karas' ears. Karas, who set a sin-

gle-season school record for completion percentage last season (59.8), is a strong passer and appears to be a capable leader. Karas led the Bears on two scoring drives in the final 80 seconds in a 35-32 win over Kansas, a victory that snapped Baylor's 29-game conference losing streak.

The knock on Karas is that he's not very mobile and does not always make wise decisions. Last year he threw twice as many interceptions (13) as touchdown passes (6). "Last year was a learning experience for me," he says. "With a year (of starting) under my belt, I believe I will be much better prepared and will make much better decisions this season."

The Bears have another option under center in Davon Vinson, a sophomore who sat out last fall as a redshirt. As a true freshman in 2001, Vinson played in six games and displayed some versatility on the run.

running backs

While the Bears do not possess much depth at most positions, the backfield appears to be an exception. Baylor returns a pair of explosive tailbacks in Rashad Armstrong and Jonathan Golden and a bull-headed blocking fullback in 253-pound junior Jonathan Evans.

Armstrong, the 2001 National Junior College Offensive Player of the Year, was an impact newcomer, rushing for a team-

high 647 yards. With his slashing, darting style, Armstrong, who missed spring drills for academic reasons, finished the season with back-to-back 100-yard games against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Golden doesn't hit the hole as quickly as Armstrong, but he can pick up yards in bunches. In victories over Samford, Tulsa and Kansas, Golden accounted for a combined 291 yards. He also led Baylor in scoring with nine touchdowns.

receivers

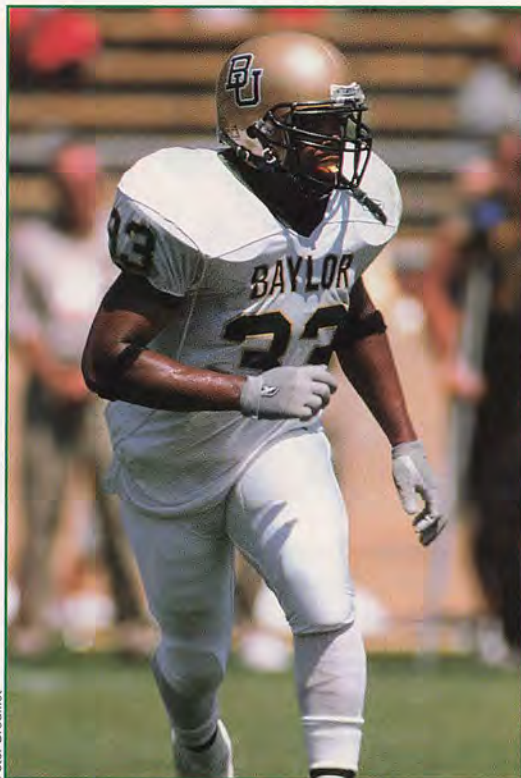
Perhaps the biggest void the Bears must fill in 2003 is at wide receiver, where Reggie Newhouse departs following an outstanding career. Newhouse led the Bears with 1,140 receiving yards, and his big-play ability will be missed.

The most experienced and productive returning receiver is Robert Quiroga, who averaged 11.3 yards per catch. Quiroga has good hands and deceptive speed, and he should emerge as the go-to target as a senior.

The rest of the receiving corps has shown only flashes of productivity. Vince Copeland, J.T. Thompson, John Martin and Marques Roberts combined last season for 43 receptions — 32 fewer than Newhouse alone. Tight end Shane Williams is a solid blocker, but he caught only two passes for 11 yards last season.

Big 12 South Prediction: 6th

National Forecast: #101



Peter Brouillet

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Returning to Respectability

Guy Morriss isn't making any outlandish promises, and he acknowledges the Bears are a long way away from being a factor in the Big 12. But with a non-conference schedule that features UAB, North Texas, SMU and Sam Houston State, Baylor has a chance to start quickly. "It would be huge to get off to a good start," Morriss says. "It would be a confidence boost, and this team needs confidence." It also needs to stay healthy and protect the ball. The Bears have some talented players, but there is not enough depth to endure many injuries. And to simply be competitive in the league, Baylor must do a better job in cutting down on turnovers. The Bears were minus-17 in turnovers last season, last in the Big 12. With a fast start and a little luck, the Bears could take a step in the right direction with four wins.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	UAB	*
S. 6	at North Texas	L
S. 13	SMU	*
S. 20	Sam Houston	W
O. 4	Colorado	L
O. 11	at Texas A&M	L
O. 18	at Kansas	*
O. 25	Texas	L
N. 1	at Kansas State	L
N. 8	Texas Tech	L
N. 15	at Oklahoma	L
N. 22	Oklahoma State	L

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Derrick Cash: 64 tackles, two INTs in 2002

Peter Brouillet



Aaron Karas



Cravens is beginning to assert himself on one side, while junior Khari Long may be Baylor's best playmaker up front. Long, who played at both tackle and end in 2002, led the team with 4.5 sacks.

The Bears' defensive line should also receive a lift from Montez Murphy, the only junior college transfer in Morriss' first recruiting class. Murphy could push either Cravens or Long for starting duties at end.

linebackers

Baylor lists only two linebacker positions on the depth chart and defines the other linebacker positions as "outside safeties." No matter the terminology, Baylor will play an eight-man front designed to stop the run first. "I could compare us to Joe Lee Dunn's defense at Mississippi State," Morriss says. "We're going to be more of an aggressive style of defense."

The leader of the aggressive style should be inside linebacker John Garrett, who was held out of spring contact drills while recovering from a knee injury that ended his 2002 season after five games. When healthy, Garrett is an athletic headhunter in the middle who has the speed and instincts to make plays from sideline to sideline. He will be joined on the inside by either Michael Tolbert, an athletic junior, or senior Stephen Sepulveda, a savvy veteran who was a first-team Academic All-Big 12 pick.

Emphasizing speed and playmaking, the Bears will use former strong safety Derrick Cash at one outside safety spot. Cash finished second on the team in tackles last season and is among the school's career leaders in interceptions. Cash could become the blitzing specialist, while fellow outside safety Willie Andrews will probably have more coverage duties. Andrews may be the defense's best athlete.

defensive backs

Baylor allowed a league-high 30 touchdown passes last season and ranked 11th in the conference in pass efficiency defense.

RISING STAR

Junior college transfer **Montez Murphy** should provide immediate help on the defensive front. Murphy, a sophomore end Morriss began recruiting while still at Kentucky, attended Coffeyville (Kan.) CC last season but did not play due to rules limiting the number of out-of-state players on the roster.

But with a more aggressive approach to pressuring the quarterback and an impressive collection of defensive backs, Baylor has a legitimate chance to be improved in the secondary.

In addition to Andrews and Cash, junior cornerback Tyson Hampton has all the tools to be one of the better defensive backs in the Big 12. Fellow corner Matt Johnson has started 14 games in his career. Free safety Maurice Lane is an adequate defensive back, and the Bears have solid depth in the secondary with Anthony Arline and Danielle McLean.

specialists

Sophomore punter Jeremy Parker is hoping his second season is much better than his first. Parker was inconsistent as a freshman, averaging just 35.6 yards per punt. The Bears have several possibilities at placekicker, but Morriss is hopeful that true freshman Ryan Havens will earn the position this summer. During his high school career at Odessa (Texas) Permian, Havens hit 20-of-29 field goals and 43-of-47 extra points.

Quintin Outland offensive linemen

Baylor's offensive line was miserable last season. The Bears allowed 52 sacks, converted 33.9 percent of third-down chances and rushed for 2.8 yards per carry, all last in the conference. Many of Baylor's offensive woes can be blamed on the poor play up front. And with just two starters returning — left tackle Quintin Outland and center Cedric Fields — the line again is a serious area of concern.

16.8 Baylor averaged 16.8 points per game in '02. The Bears were shut out four times and outscored by an average of 24.5 points per game.

While a bit undersized, Fields is the best of the bunch. He has 24 consecutive starts heading into the 2003 season. Outland and right guard Lequalan McDonald are good athletes up front, but overall, the Bears lack depth and proven performers.

defensive linemen

The middle of the defensive front is a potential problem. Among the top four prospects at tackle, only Luke Groth has ever started a game, and he made just one start in 2002. Redshirt freshmen Corey Ford and Michael Gary, who played in two games last fall before injuring his knee, and sophomore Lorenzo Davis have potential, but they are all green.

Fortunately for the Bears, the ends appear to be much more promising. Senior Dominick

Outside the Huddle

Bad news Bears The dubious streaks continue to build for Baylor, which has not posted a winning season since 1995, hasn't been to a bowl game since 1994 and hasn't finished in the Associated Press rankings since 1986.

Forget about it New coach Guy Morriss says he didn't spend much time watching films of Baylor games last season. "Some of the guys on staff looked at a bunch," he says. "But what's gone on in the past doesn't concern me. We're about from today forward."

Blitzing Bears The Bears have been more cuddly than grizzly on defense in recent years. Morriss vows to be more aggressive. "I had the good fortune to work with Buddy Ryan and Joe Lee Dunn," he says. "I know what the blitzing game can do to you, and we're going to go after people."

No quick fixes Morriss' first recruiting class at Baylor includes 22 high school players and just one junior college transfer. Unlike Kevin Steele and Dave Roberts before him, Morriss says he wants to rebuild almost exclusively with prep players.

Don't worry, be happy Following a spring practice, Morriss said his team needed to lighten up. "The kids have to understand that this is a game of emotion and that practice can be fun," he says. "They're a little bit apprehensive about practice and making it fun."

Discipline lacking Morriss said that even his new players admitted to him that they needed more discipline, which he has vowed to provide. Baylor was the most penalized team in the Big 12.

2003 Baylor Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

3-9
1-7

Head Coach
Guy Morriss

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
34	Allred, Colin	LB	6'1"	237	So.	Dallas, TX
18	Andrews, Willie	DB	5'10"	186	So.	Longview, TX
41	Arline, Anthony	DB	6'2"	186	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
32	Armstrong, Rashad	RB	5'8"	196	Sr.	Miami, FL
57	Arnold, Josh	LB	5'8"	189	So.	Round Rock, TX
85	Barbee, Baylor	WR	6'4"	210	Jr.	Abilene, TX
14	Bays, Bryan	DB	5'9"	182	Fr.	Richardson, TX
11	Bell, Shawn	QB	6'1"	206	Fr.	China Spring, TX
19	Borner, Jamil	DB	5'8"	169	So.	Richardson, TX
27	Boyd, Michael	DB	5'8"	169	So.	Daingerfield, TX
35	Bracken, Ian	DL	6'1"	230	Fr.	Waco, TX
31	Brooks, Ryan	DB	5'10"	173	Fr.	Houston, TX
16	Bynum, Larry	DB	5'10"	191	Sr.	Miami, FL
33	Cash, Derrick	DB	5'11"	216	Sr.	El Campo, TX
89	Chandler, Lee	QB	6'1"	180	Fr.	Plano, TX
6	Copeland, Vince	WR	6'1"	176	Sr.	Valdosta, GA
63	Cornejo, Randy	OL	6'4"	317	Sr.	N. Hollywood, CA
96	Cravens, Dominick	DL	6'3"	240	Sr.	Tyler, TX
40	Crawford, Billy	FB	6'2"	235	Jr.	Post, TX
46	Crooks, Justin	LB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Round Rock, TX
53	Davis, Lorenzo	DL	6'3"	312	So.	Alexandria, LA
75	DeWoody, Joseph	OL	6'4"	284	Jr.	Fort Worth, TX
55	Datson, Damon	LB	5'9"	205	Fr.	Houston, TX
45	Evans, Jonathan	FB	6'1"	253	Jr.	Duncanville, TX
67	Farst, Travis	OL	6'6"	307	Fr.	Cedar Park, TX
24	Faucher, Staron	RB	5'7"	178	Sr.	Aldine, TX
76	Fields, Cedric	OL	6'3"	278	Sr.	Corsicana, TX
88	Fields, J.	WR	6'2"	201	So.	Amarillo, TX
54	Ford, Corey	DL	6'2"	270	Fr.	Dallas, TX
12	Frazier, Ryan	QB	6'0"	198	So.	Spring, TX
5	Garrett, John	LB	6'1"	253	Sr.	Mart, TX
92	Gary, Michael	DL	6'2"	296	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
48	Golden, Jonathan	RB	6'1"	212	Sr.	Sugar Land, TX
84	Groth, Luke	DL	6'5"	266	Jr.	Fort Stockton, TX
4	Hampton, Tyson	DB	6'0"	193	Jr.	Sacramento, CA
47	Harper, Jamaal	LB	6'0"	222	So.	Dallas, TX
93	Hill, Julian	DL	6'3"	239	Fr.	Katy, TX
13	Inwin, James	QB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Crawford, TX
13	Jeffrey, Ryan	WR	6'4"	196	So.	Lorena, TX
23	Johnson, Matt	DB	5'9"	173	Sr.	Pearland, TX
2	Karas, Aaron	QB	6'2"	199	Jr.	Spring, TX
28	King, Cornell	DB	6'1"	177	Sr.	Dallas, TX
30	Krieg, Anthony	RB	6'0"	217	Jr.	Pflugerville, TX
21	Lane, Maurice	DB	5'11"	183	So.	Killeen, TX
7	Lawal, Fola	RB	5'9"	194	Fr.	Missouri City, TX
56	Lindstrom, Tyler	LB	6'2"	202	So.	Omaha, NE
15	Linguist, Maurice	DB	5'9"	202	Fr.	Mesquite, TX
91	Long, Khari	DL	6'4"	254	Jr.	Wichita Falls, TX
20	Lumpkin, Jason	DB	5'9"	192	Fr.	Montgomery, TX

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80	MacGibbon, Justin	TE	6'2"	199	Fr.	China Spring, TX
87	Martin, John	WR	6'0"	184	Jr.	Stillwater, OK
28	McCann, Austin	RB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Evant, TX
77	McDonald, Lequalan	OL	6'4"	352	So.	Waco, TX
60	McKinley, Gavin	OL	6'4"	262	Fr.	Amarillo, TX
8	McLean, Danielle	DB	5'11"	202	Sr.	Waco, TX
17	Mosley, Paul	RB	6'2"	216	Fr.	Austin, TX
39	Munn, Craig	P	6'0"	173	Fr.	Waco, TX
16	Murphy, Mark	QB	6'3"	185	So.	Kingwood, TX
90	Murphy, Montez	DL	6'6"	257	So.	Centerville, IL
5	Neilson, Chris	QB	6'0"	191	So.	Amarillo, TX
40	Ogbonna, Michael	DB	5'9"	201	Jr.	Wichita, KS
79	Oskin, Glen	OL	6'5"	303	So.	Houston, TX
74	Outland, Quintin	P	6'4"	333	Jr.	La Porte, TX
19	Parker, Jeremy	P	5'8"	162	So.	Mesquite, TX
62	Patterson, Franklin	DS	6'2"	217	So.	Kingwood, TX
66	Pitman, Jacob	OL	6'7"	333	Fr.	Mesquite, TX
8	Pruitt, Mitch	QB	5'10"	206	Jr.	Euleus, TX
82	Quiroga, Robert	WR	6'3"	188	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
22	Radford, Charles	WR	6'1"	160	Sr.	Miami, FL
71	Rettig, Akeem	OL	6'5"	362	Fr.	Price, TX
25	Rhodes, Ahmad	DB	5'9"	170	Jr.	Crockett, TX
3	Roberts, Marques	WR	6'1"	225	Jr.	Luling, TX
65	Rogers, Chris	OL	6'6"	364	So.	Fort Worth, TX
38	Schieck, David	DB	5'8"	166	Jr.	Plano, TX
64	Schlueter, Brad	OL	6'4"	277	Jr.	Dallas, TX
37	Sepulveda, Daniel	LB	6'2"	214	Fr.	Dallas, TX
42	Sepulveda, Stephen	LB	6'2"	224	Fr.	Dallas, TX
29	Shelley, Giriverius	DB	5'10"	182	Fr.	Lufkin, TX
9	Shelton, Trent	WR	6'0"	196	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX
94	Simmons, Joe	DL	6'4"	254	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
3	Sisk, Jonathan	FB	5'11"	221	Fr.	Conroe, TX
32	Smalley, Scott	DB	5'11"	188	So.	Victoria, TX
1	Thompson, J.T.	WR	5'10"	193	Sr.	Kilgore, TX
36	Todd, James	DB	6'0"	173	Fr.	Marshall, TX
58	Tolbert, Michael	LB	6'0"	245	Jr.	Austin, TX
15	Tomlinson, Adam	P	6'1"	212	So.	Arlington HS, IL
25	Tran, Phil	WR	5'4"	148	Fr.	Houston, TX
16	Tritsch, Matt	K	5'8"	171	So.	Bellevue, NE
43	Uranga, Nathan	LB	6'0"	219	Fr.	Burleson, TX
7	Vinson, Davon	QB	6'3"	222	So.	Kilgore, TX
10	Ward, Daniel	DB	5'9"	186	Jr.	Goliad, TX
38	Wall, Troy	K	5'11"	199	Fr.	Waco, TX
52	Waller, Matt	DS	6'0"	241	Sr.	Houston, TX
49	Washington, James	LB	6'2"	203	Sr.	El Paso, TX
14	Webb, Kenny	K	5'8"	161	Jr.	Katy, TX
83	Williams, Iris	TE	6'4"	234	Fr.	Houston, TX
44	Williams, Shane	TE	6'3"	226	Sr.	Springdale, AR
81	Wilson, Aaron	WR	5'11"	177	Fr.	Sherman, TX

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Joshua Ball	DB	6'0"	173	Dallas, TX
Named first-team all-district as a senior. Named one of the Top 100 prospects in the Metroplex by the Dallas Morning News.				
Braelon Davis	DB	6'1"	175	Dallas, TX
Awarded third-team Class 5A All-State honors by the Texas Sportswriters Association. Son of former Baylor star Bruce Davis.				
Chris Evans	OL	6'6"	340	Dallas, TX
A two-year starter who was named first-team all-district as a senior. A member of the Texas Football Magazine Texas Top 300.				
Nick Fellows	DB	5'10"	175	Dallas, TX
Awarded first-team all-district honors as a senior. Attended same HS (Skyline) as fellow Baylor recruit Joshua Ball.				
Marcus Foreman	LB	6'1"	210	Hewitt, TX
Rated the No. 34 weak-side DE in the country by Rivals.com. Registered 92 tackles and three sacks as a senior.				
Brandon Garrett	RB	5'10"	205	Hooks, TX
Named the District 18-2A MVP after rushing for 1,353 and 20 TDs as a senior. Received honorable mention all-state honors from the Texas Sportswriters Association in 2002.				
Ryan Havens	K	5'11"	170	Odessa, TX
Rated the No. 16 PK in the country by Rivals.com. A two-time first-team all-district performer.				
Derrick Jones	WR	6'2"	185	Wylie, TX
Hauled in 85 passes for 957 yards and eight TDs as a senior. Earned honorable mention All-State honors from the Texas Sportswriters Association.				
Maurice Linguist	DB	5'11"	180	Mesquite, TX
Enrolled at Baylor early to practice with the team in the spring. Originally signed with Air Force.				
John Mahaffey	OL	6'5"	305	Tyler, TX
Named first-team All-State by the Associated Press. Listed on the SuperPrep Texas 124 list. A first-team All-East Texas honoree as a senior.				
Michael Miller	TE	6'3"	231	Lake Charles, LA
Completed 79 passes for 1,403 yards and 15 TDs and earned all-district honors as a senior. Named to the All-SW Louisiana team by the Lake Charles American Press.				
Jon-Michael Morgan	LB	6'2"	228	Shreveport, LA
Recorded 59 tackles for state champion Evangeline Christian in 2002. Enrolled at Baylor in January 2003 and participated in spring practice.				
Brandon Moton	DB	6'3"	180	Pittsburg, TX
Played QB as a senior and finished with over 1,000 yards of total offense. Had four INTs playing DB as a junior.				
Montez Murphy	DL	6'5"	255	Centerville, IL
Attended Coffeyville (KS) CC but did not play football in 2002. Has three years of eligibility remaining. Enrolled at Baylor in January 2003 and participated in spring practice.				
Nick Pace	OL	6'3"	270	Katy, TX
Earned second-team Class 5A All-State honors from the Texas Sportswriters. Listed among the Texas Top 300 by Texas Football. Credited with 66 pancake blocks as a senior.				
Terrance Parks	QB	6'4"	220	Lufkin, TX
Rated among the Top 50 ATHs in the country by Rivals.com. Threw for 2,677 yards and 19 TDs as a senior. Earned honorable mention Class 5A All-State honors from the Texas Sportswriters.				
Kyle Seals	DB	6'0"	170	Arlington, TX
Rated one of the Top 50 prospects in the Metroplex by the Dallas Morning News. Recorded 118 tackles in 2002 despite missing four games.				
Chad Smith	OL	6'6"	290	Allen, TX
Ranked on the SuperPrep Texas 124 list. A two-time all-district performer. Rated among the Top 80 OTs in the country by Rivals.com.				
Kellen Taylor	OL	6'5"	310	Richmond, TX
A first-team All-District 18-4A performer as a senior. A two-year starter at Foster High School.				
Michael Trice	OL	6'3"	274	Stephenville, TX
Earned third-team Class 4A All-State honors from the Texas Sportswriters. Listed among the Top 100 prospects in the Metroplex by the Dallas Morning News.				
Brandon Whitaker	RB	5'10"	190	Edmond, OK
Named the city Offensive Player of the Year in 2002. Played in the McDonald's Oklahoma All-State game as a senior.				
C.J. Wilson	DB	6'1"	185	Terrell, TX
Named Defensive Player of the Year in District 16-4A in 2002. Picked off six passes as a senior.				
Dominique Zeigler	WR	6'3"	165	Killeen, TX
Combined for nearly 2,000 yards of total offense as a dual-threat QB in 2002. Named District 17-4A MVP as a senior.				

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	82	Robert Quiroga (Sr.)	1	J.T. Thompson (Sr.)
WR	3	Marques Roberts (Jr.)	87	John Martin (Jr.)
LT	74	Quintin Outland (Jr.)	64	Brad Schlueter (Jr.)
LG	71	Akeem Rettig (Fr.)	63	Randy Cornejo (Sr.)
C	76	Cedric Fields (Sr.)	75	Joe DeWoody (Jr.)
RG	77	Lequalan McDonald (So.)	66	Jacob Pitman (Fr.)
RT	79	Glen Oskin (So.)	67	Travis Farst (Fr.)
TE	44	Shane Williams (Sr.)	83	Iris Williams (Fr.)
QB	2	Aaron Karas (Jr.)	7	Davon Vinson (So.)
TB	32	Rashad Armstrong (Sr.)	48	Jonathan Golden (Sr.)
FB	45	Jonathan Evans (Jr.)	86	Billy Crawford (Jr.)

Defense (6)

DE	96	Dominick Cravens (Sr.)	94	Joe Simmons (Sr.)
DT	92	Michael Gary (Fr.)	54	Corey Ford (Fr.)
DT	84	Luke Groth (Jr.)	53	Lorenzo Davis (So.)
DE	91	Khari Long (Jr.)	90	Montez Murphy (So.)
OS	33	Derrick Cash (Sr.)	15	Maurice Linguist (Fr.)
LB	5	John Garrett (Sr.)	34	Colin Allred (So.)
LB	58	Michael Tolbert (Jr.)	42	Stephen Sepulveda (Sr.)
OS	18	Willie Andrews (So.)	16	Larry Bynum (Sr.)
CB	4	Tyson Hampton (Jr.)	41	Anthony Arline (Fr.)
CB	23	Matt Johnson (Sr.)	36	James Todd (Fr.)
FS	21	Maurice Lane (So.)	8	Danielle McLean (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	15	Adam Tomlinson (So.)
P	19	Jeremy Parker (So.)
KR	82	Robert Quiroga (Sr.)
PR	1	J.T. Thompson (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Aaron Karas, 150-251-1,792-13, 6 TDs
Rushing: Rashad Armstrong, 159 car., 647 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Robert Quiroga, 49 rec., 556 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Jonathan Golden, 9 TDs, 54 points
Punting: Jeremy Parker, 73 punts, 35.6 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Derrick Cash, 64, 50 solo
Tackles for loss: Khari Long, 7 for 30 yds.
Sacks: Khari Long, 4.5
Interceptions: Derrick Cash, 2 for 60 yds.
Kickoff returns: Robert Quiroga, 4 ret., 15.5 avg.
Punt returns: J.T. Thompson, 7 ret., 3.1 avg.

2002 Results

A. 31	at California	L	22-70
S. 7	Samford	W	50-12
S. 14	at New Mexico	L	0-23
S. 21	Tulsa	W	37-25
O. 5	Kansas	W	35-32
O. 12	Texas A&M	L	0-41
O. 19	at Colorado	L	0-34
O. 26	Kansas State	L	10-44
N. 2	at Texas Tech	L	11-62
N. 9	at Texas	L	0-41
N. 16	Oklahoma	L	9-49
N. 23	at Oklahoma State	L	28-63



Big 12 South Prediction: 1st

National Forecast: #1

After a decade of decline, Bob Stoops awakened the beast. These days, Sooner fans expect nothing less than another national championship. Even Stoops, who is normally not given to effusive praise and bold predictions, has a hard time finding reasons to dampen enthusiasm. "We have a chance to have another really special year, I believe," he says.

Coaches like the quarterback contenders, and they love the rest of the team, including a defense that returns 10 starters and may have improved. "We felt a year ago we were a year away from being really good and really special," Stoops says. "Hopefully, that will be the case. This has the potential to be one of our best defenses."

quarterbacks

Jason White emerged as starter in each of the last two seasons. Both seasons ended with blown-out knees — first his left, then his right. And that's cause for concern. Including White, four players went into spring hoping to win the job vacated by Nate Hybl. Two emerged: White and Brent Rawls.

Rawls, a highly touted sophomore, possesses the strongest arm and playmaking ability, but coaches questioned his dedication. Last spring, he made significant

strides, on and off the field. "He's been very solid and improved," Stoops says, "first in not making foolish and bad plays. Secondly, he's made big plays. I think he's feeling more comfortable and confident in the huddle and in the pocket."

Rawls and White will battle in August. If White's fully healthy, give him a slight edge.

running backs

Quentin Griffin, who produced a magical senior season, is gone. But the Sooners don't expect much drop-off in the running game, because Kejuan Jones and Renaldo Works appear ready to step in.

Works, a senior, propelled the Sooners to a come-from-behind win over Alabama last season, turning two shovel passes into big plays. Then, he all but disappeared from the offense.

Jones, a sophomore, emerged last season as the Sooners' tailback in power running sets and short-yardage packages, rushing for more than 600 yards and 14 touchdowns. He hits holes quickly and is good in north-south situations, but must prove he can run effectively from the Sooners' base shotgun formations. Coaches may divide carries between the two.

Sophomore Donta Hickson wasn't far behind in the spring. Still, it's unlikely there will be many carries left over after Jones and Works.

J.D. Runnels filled a void last year at fullback as a true freshman. The only question is whether he'll ever get a carry or will continue as exclusively a blocker.

receivers

After rewriting the school record books, Oklahoma's top four pass-catchers departed. But the replacements appear to be more talented.

Will Peoples, Mark Clayton and Brandon Jones all averaged more yards per catch than Curtis Fagan and Antwone Savage. Each has speed and big-play ability. Sophomores Travis Wilson and Jejuan Rankins showed last spring they're ready to step into a five-receiver rotation as well.

Tight end Trent Smith's departure hurts. Lance Donley, James "Bubba" Moses and Chris Chester are talented but inexperienced. The Sooners could get a boost from junior-college transfer Willie Roberts.

offensive linemen



After years of patchwork lines, the Sooners expect to field an experienced, physical unit that can dominate defensive fronts. "No matter who's back there behind us, we're going to do everything we can to take the pressure off them,"

says junior left tackle Wes Sims.



Layne Murdoch

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a National Championship

In a switch, the Sooners missed out on the Fiesta Bowl last year because of defensive lapses. Led by a resurgent ground game, Oklahoma's offense was productive, and it should again be potent behind the best offensive line in Bob Stoops' five years. For the most part, the Sooner defense lived up to expectations in 2002, but in two losses, opponents baffled the secondary with long passes. The Sooners were confident those were aberrations, but they've studied film from losses to Oklahoma State and Texas A&M. The addition of strong safety Donte Nicholson should help. With 10 defensive starters back, the Sooners believe the unit will again be dominant. The Sooners face some early hurdles before their grudge match with Texas, taking on Alabama, Fresno State and UCLA before beginning Big 12 play.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	North Texas	W
S. 6	at Alabama	W
S. 13	Fresno State	W
S. 20	UCLA	W
O. 4	at Iowa State	W
O. 11	#Texas	*
O. 18	Missouri	W
O. 25	at Colorado	W
N. 1	Oklahoma State	W
N. 8	Texas A&M	W
N. 15	Baylor	W
N. 22	at Texas Tech	W
	#Dallas, TX	W

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Antonio Perkins: 15.0 yards per punt return in 2002

Layne Murdoch



Tommie Harris



Layne Murdoch

Teddy Lehman

Sims and his linemates look to have the ability to do just that. Sims, right tackle Jammal Brown and center Vince Carter are veterans who may have finally grown into their potential.

Even the new starters at guard aren't really new starters. Davin Joseph and Kelvin Chaison got plenty of playing time last season; each started at one time or another.

"We actually become better," Stoops says. "Those guys are more athletic, stronger, bigger players than what we've had there. I think we'll be improved in all those positions."

11-1 Oklahoma is 11-1 under Bob Stoops against Top 10 opponents, but only 2-2 against unranked Oklahoma State.

The biggest issue is depth. Two reserves left the program last winter with potentially career-ending back injuries. Offensive line coach Kevin Wilson's task is to develop eight quality players. He counted seven at the end of spring practice, with the eighth not far off.

defensive linemen



Led by junior tackle Tommie Harris, the nucleus of what should be one of the nation's top defensive fronts returns.

A year ago, Harris was hampered by a nagging groin injury, and fellow tackle Dusty Dvoracek battled a toe injury that required surgery last

winter. Harris, who won't use the injury as an excuse, says he didn't play up to his standards last season.

"I've got a lot to prove to myself," Harris says. "I've got to do a lot to make myself better. I've got a lot of goals."

In Harris, Dvoracek, Kory Klein and Lynn McGruder, the Sooners boast a talented tackle rotation. At end, Jimmy Wilkerson's unexpected early departure for the NFL might not hurt. Dan Cody and Jonathan Jackson return, and coaches believe redshirt freshman Larry Birdine could develop into a monster pass-rusher.

linebackers

Oklahoma's recent tradition of dominant linebackers continues with



Teddy Lehman and Lance Mitchell.

Lehman was a Butkus finalist last season; he's back on the weakside. Meanwhile, middle linebacker Mitchell might have been as good — there just wasn't enough room in the spotlight for both players. Pasha Jackson was a solid strongside backer, but he didn't get as much playing time because of the Sooners' frequent reliance on extra-defensive back packages.

As good as OU's starters have been, there's not much depth. If anyone gets hurt, the unit could be hurting.

defensive backs



It seems like the Sooners just keep getting better and better in the defensive backfield.

Senior cornerback Derrick Strait is a three-year starter. Senior free safety Brandon Everage, a two-year starter, is expected to rejoin the team after an off-season arrest for marijuana possession. But it's the addition of junior-college transfer Donte Nicholson, who enrolled last January, that should help bolster the unit.

"He's going to improve us," Stoops says. "I think he's going to give us that safety play that

RISEING STAR



Donte Nicholson enrolled at OU last January and made an immediate impact. He'll start at strong safety. Bob and Mike Stoops call Nicholson the most natural safety they've coached; they believe Nicholson could fill the void left by All-American Roy Williams, now in his second season with the Cowboys.

we're used to, that big, strong force that we missed a year ago."

Brodney Pool will also be counted on as the "Roy-back" — a linebacker-like position in the Sooners' many extra-defensive back packages.

OU lost cornerback Andre Woolfolk, but utility back Antonio Perkins slid into the position. Mark Bradley, the son of former Sooner quarterback Danny Bradley, could see time, too.

specialists

Oklahoma expected a freshman to step in at kicker last year — just not Trey DiCarlo. When highly touted recruit Josh Roberts didn't show up last August, DiCarlo hopped out of a car and kicked his way into the starting job.

After a record-setting freshman season — he was 16-of-22, including 3-of-4 from 40-49 yards, and scored 106 points — the Sooners believe DiCarlo will be even better.

At punter, Blake Ferguson averaged 38.5 yards but was wildly inconsistent. He's expected to be challenged by incoming freshman Cody Freeby.

Returning punts shouldn't be a problem. Perkins emerged last season as a potent weapon. He averaged 15.0 yards per return and returned three for touchdowns.

Outside the Huddle

Tough start? OU opens with North Texas. Then comes a tough run: at Alabama, then home games with Fresno State and UCLA. Though the Sooners will be favored in each of those games, they're not gimmes. If OU emerges unscathed, look out. But the prospect of an inexperienced quarterback playing in Tuscaloosa is daunting.

Again, the defense Another year, another potentially dominating defense. Ten starters return, and the Sooners believe the replacements could be better than the departures. Which could mean another season full of bad news for opposing Heisman hopefuls.

Bedlam battle The annual in-state tilt with Oklahoma State has long been known locally as Bedlam. With Oklahoma State wins in the last two games, the rivalry is living up to its name. Texas has always been the Sooners' biggest rival. Could that be changing?

Back to the future To honor the great Oklahoma teams of the past, the Sooners will wear throwback uniforms for the season opener against North Texas. The uniforms will replicate jerseys and helmets (white, with a crimson stripe) from the Bud Wilkinson era of the 1950s and 1960s. That's also the day newly renovated and expanded Owen Field will open, with a new upper deck and capacity stretched by about 8,000 to more than 80,000.

2003 Oklahoma Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

12-2
6-2

Head Coach
Bob Stoops

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15 Chambers, Wayne	LB	6'3"	225	So.	Grandview, MO	8 Nicholson, Donte	DB	6'2"	210	Jr.	Walnut, CA
84 Chester, Chris	TE	6'4"	251	So.	Tustin, CA	82 Nixon, Laenor	TE	6'3"	218	Fr.	Miami, FL
56 Chidi, Paddyson	LB	6'2"	216	Jr.	Coppell, TX	30 Odunayo, Femi	DB	6'0"	185	Kr.	Lagos, Nigeria
9 Clayton, Mark	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Arlington, TX	64 Panter, Adam	OL	6'1"	249	Sr.	Stilwell, OK
80 Cody, Dan	DE	6'5"	270	Jr.	Ada, OK	29 Peoples, Will	WR	6'1"	190	Jr.	Humble, TX
80 Crump, Leonce	DL	6'3"	298	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA	28 Perkins, Antonio	DB	6'0"	186	Jr.	Lawton, OK
80 Cuva, Pete	K	6'0"	184	So.	Forney, TX	23 Pool, Brodney	S	6'3"	190	So.	Houston, TX
36 Dennison, Russell	LB	6'3"	240	So.	Weatherford, OK	21 Poteat, Jowahn	DB	6'1"	190	So.	Ardmore, OK
83 DiCarlo, Trey	K	6'0"	180	So.	Carrollton, TX	3 Ranks, Jejuan	WR	5'11"	162	So.	Windsor, NC
86 Donley, Lance	TE	6'4"	222	Sr.	Weatherford, OK	15 Rawls, Brent	QB	6'5"	205	So.	Shreveport, LA
94 Dvoracek, Dusty	DL	6'3"	279	Jr.	Lake Dallas, TX	59 Rayl, Brett	OL	6'7"	295	So.	Lewisville, TX
27 Ekor, Ntuna	RB	6'0"	190	So.	Marshall, TX	68 Rice, Jacob	LS	6'3"	225	So.	Norman, OK
65 Estrada, Abner	OL	6'3"	275	So.	Carrollton, TX	24 Richardson, Richard	DB	5'11"	200	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
3 Estus, Jerad	RB	6'1"	186	Sr.	Wichita Falls, TX	38 Runnels, J.D.	FB	6'1"	232	So.	Midwest City, OK
7 Everage, Brandon	DB	6'0"	190	Sr.	Granger, TX	84 Sacheck, Sam	DE	6'6"	240	Sr.	Winter Park, FL
41 Fanuzzi, Matt	K	5'11"	187	Fr.	San Antonio, TX	43 Sarubbi, Steven	K	6'3"	190	Sr.	Santa Maria, CA
44 Farria, Shawn	RB	6'1"	224	Sr.	Harrah, OK	5 Shelby, Brandon	DB	5'11"	185	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
87 Ferguson, Blake	P	6'0"	190	Jr.	Broken Arrow, OK	60 Sims, Wes	OL	6'5"	317	Jr.	Weatherford, OK
71 Fields, Jerod	OL	6'7"	302	Jr.	Bandera, TX	25 Stephens, Darren	DB	6'3"	183	Jr.	Lewisville, TX
73 Flynn, John	OL	6'1"	242	Jr.	Anadarko, OK	2 Strait, Derrick	DB	5'11"	194	Sr.	Austin, TX
26 Ford, Ataleo	WR	6'1"	184	Jr.	Ardmore, OK	91 Sublet, Vershon	DE	6'0"	255	Jr.	Lancaster, TX
72 Garibay, Randy	OL	6'2"	220	So.	Lawton, OK	76 Taylor, Steve	OL	6'7"	318	Fr.	Purcell, OK
92 Hager, Jacob	DL	6'5"	260	So.	Perry, OK	58 Thibodeaux, Calvin	DE	6'1"	248	So.	Houston, TX
67 Hallock, Michael	OL	6'2"	220	So.	Plano, TX	19 Thompson, Michael	DB	6'1"	196	Sr.	Bristow, OK
97 Harris, Tommie	DL	6'3"	284	Jr.	Killeen, TX	12 Thompson, Paul	QB	6'4"	196	So.	Leander, TX
35 Hickson, Donta	RB	5'10"	190	So.	McKinney, TX	74 Walker, David	OL	6'3"	289	Fr.	Ft. Gibson, OK
95 Hulsey, Grant	DE	6'4"	245	Jr.	Tuttle, OK	18 White, Jason	QB	6'2"	215	Sr.	Tuttle, OK
57 Hurst, Smokey	LB	6'1"	244	Sr.	Beggs, OK	32 Wilson, Sadiki	WR	6'0"	215	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
44 Ingram, Clint	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Hallsville, TX	4 Wilson, Travis	WR	6'3"	210	So.	Carrollton, TX
49 Jackson, Jonathan	DE	6'3"	235	Jr.	Houston, TX	47 Works, Renaldo	RB	6'1"	220	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
53 Jackson, Pasha	LB	6'3"	240	Sr.	Hayward, CA						

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Lewis Baker	LB	6'3"	200	Lewisville, TX
Rated the No. 21 prospect in the state by SuperPrep. Recorded 90 tackles and eight TFLs as a senior.				
Tony Cade	DB	6'2"	200	Lewisville, TX
A two-time all-state performer. Rated the No. 1 DB in the state by Rivals.com. Missed three games due to injury in 2002.				
Tashard Choice	RB	6'1"	200	Lovejoy, GA
A first-team all-state selection by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Combined for 1,800 yards of total offense and 17 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 22 RB in the nation by Rivals.com.				
Steven Coleman	DL	6'5"	275	Dallas, TX
Rated the No. 23 prospect in the Midlands Region by Rivals.com. A first-team all-district performer as a senior.				
Alonzo Dotson	DE	6'4"	215	Alien, TX
Named Player of the Year by the Houston Chronicle. Recorded 114 tackles, 15 TFLs and 12 sacks as a senior. Rated the No. 5 weak-side DE in the country by Rivals.com.				
Joe John Finley	ATH	6'6"	210	Arlington, TX
Rated the No. 32 ATH in the nation by SportingNews.com. Named District Offensive Player of the Year in 2002.				
Cody Freeby	P	6'3"	210	Ft. Worth, TX
Rated the No. 2 punter in the country by TheInsiders.com. Averaged 44.5 yards-per-punt as a senior.				
Tommy Grady	QB	6'6"	220	Huntington Beach, CA
Rated the No. 3 QB in the country by Rivals.com. Threw for 2,474 yards and 15 TDs as a senior. Named to the Top 100 Dream Team by PrepStar.				
Jacob Gutierrez	RB	5'7"	175	San Antonio, TX
Named Offensive Player of the Year by the San Antonio QB Club. Rushed for 1,815 yards and 11 TDs as a senior.				
Marcus Johnson	ATH	6'1"	175	Abilene, TX
Ranked the No. 7 ATH in the nation by Rivals.com. A two-time District 3-5A Offensive MVP. Set a conference record with 2,933 yards passing as a senior.				
Brandon Keith	OL	6'6"	320	McAlester, OK
Named to the first-team all-state squad by the Tulsa World. Rated the No. 2 prospect in the state by Rivals.com.				
Akim Millington	OL	6'6"	300	Wheaton, IL
Earned first-team all-state honors by the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. Rated the No. 30 OL in the nation by SuperPrep.				
Donte Nicholson	DB	6'2"	210	Walnut, CA
Rated the No. 4 JC DB in the country by Rivals.com. Led Mt. San Antonio (CA) JC in tackles as a freshman and sophomore.				
Carl Pendleton	DE	6'6"	270	Sapulpa, OK
Rated the No. 9 DT in the country by Rivals.com. Recorded six sacks as a senior.				
Demario Pleasant	LB	6'3"	210	Lewisville, TX
Named District 7-5A Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. Rated the No. 10 LB in the country by TheInsiders.com. Recorded 138 tackles and four sacks as a senior.				
Antonn Reid	OL	6'3"	280	Plano, TX
Named first-team all-district as a senior. Projected to play center or guard in college.				
Willie Roberts	TE	6'7"	240	Miami, FL
Rated the No. 3 JC prospect in the country by SuperPrep. Caught 38 passes for 521 yards and seven TDs as a freshman at NE Oklahoma A&M JC. Will have three years of eligibility remaining.				
Tristen Ross	WR	6'1"	190	Shreveport, LA
Ranked the No. 12 player in the state by Rivals.com. Caught 62 passes for 980 yards and eight TDs as a senior.				
Courtney Tennill	RB	5'10"	205	Glenpool, OK
Named Player of the Year by the Tulsa World in 2002. Broke the state rushing record with 3,486 yards and 36 TDs as a senior.				
Darrien Williams	DB	6'0"	190	Mesquite, TX
Rated the No. 10 safety in the nation by Rivals.com. Earned first-team all-district as both a DB and RB in 2002.				
John Williams	DE	6'5"	220	Houston, TX
Rated among the Top 100 prospects in the state by SuperPrep. Named Defensive Player of the Year by the Houston Chronicle.				
Dane Zaslav	LB	6'2"	241	Edmond, OK
A first-team Class 6A All-State performer. Rated the No. 11 ILB in the country by TheInsiders.com. Recorded 121 tackles and six TFLs and rushed for 301 yards and three TDs as a senior.				
Brian Zimpel	OL	6'5"	310	Broken Arrow, OK
Rated the No. 1 OL in the state by Rivals.com. Named District Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2002.				

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	9	Mark Clayton (Jr.)	4	Travis Wilson (So.)
WR	81	Brandon Jones (Jr.)	26	Ataleo Ford (Jr.)
WR	29	Will Peoples (Jr.)	3	Jejuan Ranks (So.)
LT	60	Wes Sims (Jr.)	59	Brett Rayl (So.)
LG	70	Kelvin Chaisson (So.)	65	Abner Estrada (So.)
C	50	Vince Carter (Jr.)	52	Chris Bush (So.)
RG	77	Davin Joseph (So.)	52	Chris Bush (So.)
RT	55	Jammal Brown (Jr.)	79	Chris Messner (Fr.)
TE	86	Lance Donley (Sr.)		Willie Roberts (So.)
QB	18	Jason White (Sr.)	15	Brent Rawls (So.)
TB	20	Kejuan Jones (So.)	47	Renaldo Works (Sr.)
FB*	38	J.D. Runnels (So.)	89	James Moses (Jr.)

Defense (10)

DE	49	Jonathan Jackson (Jr.)	98	Larry Birdine (Fr.)
DT	93	Kory Klein (Sr.)	96	Lynn McGruder (Jr.)
DT	97	Tommie Harris (Jr.)	94	Dusty Dvoracek (Jr.)
DE	80	Dan Cody (Jr.)	58	Calvin Thibodeaux (So.)
WLB	11	Teddy Lehman (Sr.)	48	Gayron Allen (Jr.)
MLB	10	Lance Mitchell (Sr.)	15	Wayne Chambers (So.)
SLB	53	Pasha Jackson (Sr.)	36	Russell Dennison (So.)
CB	2	Derrick Strait (Sr.)	21	Jowahn Poteat (So.)
CB	28	Antonio Perkins (Jr.)	1	Mark Bradley (Jr.)
SS	8	Donte Nicholson (Jr.)	13	Eric Bassey (So.)
FS	7	Brandon Everage (Sr.)	23	Brodney Pool (So.)

Special Teams

K	83	Trey DiCarlo (So.)
P	87	Blake Ferguson (Jr.)
PR	28	Antonio Perkins (Jr.)
KR	28	Antonio Perkins (Jr.)

*The 12 offensive positions represent Oklahoma's multiple formations.
(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jason White, 20-34-181-2, 1 TD
Rushing: Kejuan Jones, 165 car., 613 yds., 14 TDs
Receiving: Will Peoples, 39 rec., 571 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Trey DiCarlo, 16 FGs, 58 XPs, 106 points
Punting: Blake Ferguson, 74 punts, 38.5 avg.
Kicking: Trey DiCarlo, 16-22 FGs, 58-62 XPs, 106 points
Tackles: Lance Mitchell, 124, 87 solo
Tackles for loss: Lance Mitchell, 19 for 46 yds.
Sacks: Jonathan Jackson, 6
Interceptions: Brandon Everage, 6 for 107 yds., Derrick Strait, 6 for 175 yds.
Kickoff returns: Antonio Perkins, 12 ret., 17.2 avg.
Punt returns: Antonio Perkins, 43 ret., 15.0 avg.

2002 Results

A.	30	at Tulsa	W	37-0
S.	7	Alabama	W	37-27
S.	14	UTEP	W	68-0
S.	28	South Florida	W	31-14
O.	5	at Missouri	W	31-24
O.	12	Texas	W	35-24
O.	19	Iowa State	W	49-3
N.	2	Colorado	W	27-11
N.	9	at Texas A&M	L	26-30
N.	16	at Baylor	W	49-9
N.	23	Texas Tech	W	60-15
N.	30	at Oklahoma State	L	28-38
D.	7	Colorado	W	29-7
J.	1	#Washington State	W	34-14
		#Rose Bowl		

One on Two with..... **Tommie Harris** and **Teddy Lehman**



Layne Murdoch



Ric Fogel

They're All-Americans, household names, leading candidates for national awards. Oklahoma's **Tommie Harris** (left) and **Teddy Lehman** (below) come from very different places, but they're headed in the same direction.

Lehman, a senior linebacker, arrived as an unheralded freshman from tiny Fort Gibson, Okla. — a kid who wouldn't have gotten a scholarship if he hadn't attended the Sooners' summer camp and dropped off a couple of 4.4 40s on a disbelieving linebackers coach.

Harris, a junior defensive tackle, brought with him plenty of hype. The native of Killeen, Texas, was touted as the nation's best high school defensive lineman when he signed with the Sooners.

Their common bond is dominant defensive football. Together, they form the backbone of what might be the nation's toughest defense.

Recently, Harris and Lehman sat down and talked with Athlon about a potpourri of subjects, including some football.

Any interest in playing on the other side of the ball?

Lehman: On offense? I've never really thought about it at all. It would be fun to carry the ball a couple of times, but that doesn't really happen in college. Tailback, definitely.

Harris: Yeah, I want to play quarterback.

Why is that?

Harris: I could control the game.

What team would you like to meet in a bowl?

Harris: Miami. I want to see the two best teams in the country meet up fair and square, forgetting the polls.

Lehman: Miami. I guess because they've been up there every year. Everyone's always comparing us to them. That's all you hear about on TV is Miami. I don't think they're any better than us.

Who will be your primary competition in the Big 12 this season?

Lehman: I don't know. It's pretty wide open. There are so many good teams in the Big 12 this year. Everybody's going to be good. Texas is always going to be good, but there's a lot of good teams.

Harris: Probably Oklahoma State.

Do you see any surprise teams?

Harris: Baylor.

Lehman: I don't know. I think Oklahoma State might surprise some people this year.

But not you guys?

Lehman: No, not us.

Any unsung players we should watch from Oklahoma?

Harris: (Offensive linemen) Davin Joseph, Kelvin Chaisson, Jammal Brown. (Linebacker) Wayne Chambers, (defensive end) Larry Birdine. There's a lot of good guys coming up. I think (receiver) Brandon Jones is going to have an exceptional year this year.

Lehman: On the offensive line, Jammal Brown. He's gotten really good over the last couple of years and he hasn't gotten talked about a whole lot. I'd say him, and I'd say Dusty Dvoracek. He's one of the best defensive linemen in the country, and he plays in Tommie's shadow all the time. He's unbelievably good.

Who is the best player in the Big 12?

Harris: Roy Williams (wide receiver from Texas).

Lehman: I don't know. I don't know who it is. That's a real tough question. I'll tell you next year when the season's over.



Wayne Murdoch

How do you like dealing with the media?

Harris: Dealing with the media is something that comes with the package of playing this game. You just take it for what it's worth. You can't do without it, so you might as well embrace the process. It's just something that comes with it.

Lehman: It's not a problem at all, usually. I'm just kind of neutral. It's not that I enjoy walking around, talking to everyone and getting my name in the paper or anything. I don't enjoy that. But it all comes with the territory.

What is your favorite stadium to play in other than Memorial?

Harris: I like the Cotton Bowl when we play Texas. It's a great stadium.

Lehman: Nebraska was fun. They have great fans and a fun atmosphere. I like playing at Kyle Field, Texas A&M's stadium. And Reliant Stadium in Houston was awesome. I have a bunch of favorites.



David Preston

Do you watch a lot of college football on TV?

Lehman: I don't get much of an opportunity to, but whenever I can, I do. I watch the Big 12 teams play and I've always liked to watch Notre Dame play. Or whoever's doing good.

Which teams do you enjoy watching, Tommie?

Harris: I used to like to watch Mississippi State's defense back when they had all those hosses up front. I like to watch Miami's attack schemes. Not that many teams in the Big 12, but a lot of teams in the SEC.

If you had your choice of NFL teams, who would you play for?

Lehman: I don't really know. Somewhere close to here (Oklahoma).

Harris: I'm not going to put my foot in my mouth, you know what I mean? It really doesn't matter where I play.

Which NFL team did you like as a kid?

Harris: Tampa Bay. Even when they were sorry and they wore the orange uniforms.

What is your other favorite sport?

Harris: Boxing.

Lehman: Golf. I'm on my way home right now to play in a tournament for a charity deal.

Can you cook?

Harris: Yeah, I can cook. What do you want? My favorite thing to cook is smothered pork chops. I can cook it all, brother.

Lehman: I cook steaks on the grill, hot wings on the grill, barbecued chicken. I cook spaghetti, mashed potatoes, you name it.

Can we come over and have some?

Lehman: Yeah, any time. You bring it, I'll cook it.

Really? Bacone just started its football program.

Lehman: I didn't have any other options on the table.

What school do you think you would have gone to if you hadn't gone to Oklahoma?

Harris: Miami or Texas.

Lehman: I probably would have gone to Bacone College in Muskogee (Okla.).



Brian Elmer

Even after Oklahoma offered you a scholarship, no one jumped on?

Lehman: If I hadn't gone to their (summer) camp, I'd be playing dorm ball somewhere.

Tommie, why did you sign with Oklahoma?

Harris: Because Oklahoma is the place for me. O-K-L-A-H-O-M-A!

What do you do on a Friday night in the off-season?

Harris: I'm a movie freak. Movies with my girlfriend. Or I'll go by myself. Whatever.

Lehman: Just go out with friends and take advantage of the time off.

What would you be doing if not for football?

Harris: I don't know. That's a hard question. I'd probably be in college somewhere. I'd probably be in the military.

Lehman: I'd probably be roofing houses somewhere, or something.

What would you do for your parents if you could do anything?

Harris: I'd take care of them. Buy them a house. Anything. Just make their lives much, much better, sweeter.

Lehman: I'd buy my dad a new bass boat and buy my mom a new car.

What's your dream job?

Harris: Preaching. I want to open YMCAs, centers for kids, also. I know I'm going to do that.

Lehman: I don't know. I just want to win the lottery.

Where should Athlon pick OU this season?

Lehman: I don't know. I really, honestly don't care. That's for the media to deal with. I don't care with that at all.

Harris: Where shouldn't they pick us? That should be the question. It really doesn't matter right now what all the people said. I just know we have a different mind frame about the games this year. I don't really care where they put us. If it's 10, we'll just have to go out and prove them wrong. If it's (No.) 1, we'll just show them why we should be No. 1. It really doesn't matter to me. I'm just ready to play.



Athlon Archive

Les Miles keeps ratcheting up the bar on expectations at Oklahoma State. At limbo level when he took over the program two years ago, that bar has risen considerably. The third-year coach is pushing goals to the limit for 2003.

Last year featured just the second winning season in 14 years; benchmark victories over Texas A&M, Nebraska and Oklahoma; and a trip to the Houston Bowl. Now Miles is talking about taking the Big 12 South — and more.

Why not? The Cowboys return 14 starters off a team that won six of its last seven games and finished as Houston Bowl champions. "That experience will lead them to the inevitable conclusion: There are greater goals, unreached aspirations that this team really left on the table," Miles says. "So why not set your sights very realistically higher? Not just talk about them. Not just point at them. But actually work like heck to get them."

quarterbacks

Josh Fields just kept getting better as his sophomore season progressed; he shattered school season records for completions, attempts, yards and TDs. Not since the late '80s has the team had such long-term promise at the position. "He's developed into a really good leader," says All-America wide receiver Rashaun Woods, who

grabbed 17 of Fields' 31 touchdown tosses. "And Josh has become smarter and more aware of what's going on around him."

Fields' participation in spring drills was limited as he concentrated instead on his job as third baseman with the Cowboy baseball team. That left redshirt freshman Jamie Beeghley with a full workload to prove himself as the new No. 2 man. Beeghley fulfilled the tag, yet faces competition when three touted freshman quarterbacks arrive in August. Among them: Woods' younger brother Donovan, the Oklahoma High School Player of the Year.

running backs

Three tailbacks took turns starting and spraining ankles last fall, before Tatum Bell broke through with the kind of season that had been expected since he arrived as a hyped recruit two years earlier.

There's a sense that Bell is ready to be a star. "Tatum has really matured," says offensive coordinator Mike Gundy. "He's always had great speed and talent, but now he's running tough. That's what we've got to have."

Depth is a plus for the Cowboys. Backup Seymore Shaw is a slashing runner who had the starter's job until his severe ankle sprain opened the door for Bell. Shaw is a future feature back.

Vernand Morency, who gave up a pro

baseball career, is also capable if he can stay out of Miles' doghouse.

Tim Burrough missed half of last season with a broken hand but returns to reclaim his fullback job. Burrough is a fierce blocker and solid receiver.

receivers

Woods may be the premier wide receiver in the country. "If there's a better one, I haven't seen him," Miles says.

After leading the nation with 17 touchdown catches, Woods considered opting for the NFL Draft, but instead returned to OSU for the opportunity to take the program to another level.

Woods also came back to enjoy playing with his two younger brothers — quarterback recruit Donovan and D'Juan, a redshirt freshman receiver.

D'Juan is an unpolished copy of Rashaun and asserted himself as the starter opposite his brother in the spring.

Other threats are needed. If someone from a group of John Wohlgenuth, Kenneth Williams or Errick McCown doesn't emerge, then coaches will look for help from incoming freshmen.

Tight ends Billy Bajema and Charlie Johnson will likely play more featured roles. Bajema is a former high school quarterback who has developed into a real receiving threat. Johnson can catch and run.



Larry Smith

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Contending in the Big 12

The Cowboys finished one conference win shy of playing in the 2002 Big 12 championship game. Wins over Texas A&M, Nebraska and Oklahoma were enlightening for a previously underachieving team. Now confident, OSU players and coaches are convinced they can compete for a Big 12 title. Enough key components are in place, beginning with the triplets on offense — Rashaun Woods, Josh Fields and Tatum Bell. The offensive line must take form. Other receiving threats need to emerge to complement Woods. The most pressing problem is filling holes at defensive tackle, a development that could carry to the season opener. That Aug. 30 trip to Nebraska might be key to OSU's ultimate goals. Win, and roll into back-to-back October home games against Kansas State and Texas Tech unbeaten and uninhibited.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 at Nebraska	*
S. 6 Wyoming	W
S. 13 SW Missouri State	W
S. 20 at SMU	W
O. 4 UL-Lafayette	W
O. 11 Kansas State	L
O. 18 Texas Tech	W
O. 25 at Texas A&M	*
N. 1 at Oklahoma	L
N. 8 Texas	L
N. 15 Kansas	W
N. 22 at Baylor	W

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Rashaun Woods: 107 catches, 1,695 yards, 17 TDs in '02

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Josh Fields



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offensive linemen

Despite losing two senior starting tackles, the line is an area of strength thanks to improved options and depth. "We're better right now than we were at the end of last year," claims offensive line coach Chuck Moeller.

One of the tackle spots has been claimed by Matt Hardison, a converted tight end who provided the most pleasant development of spring. Hardison bulked up and used an aggressive attitude and athleticism to offset his lack of experience at the position.

34.3 The Cowboys ranked 13th nationally in scoring at 34.3 points per game in '02. Most of that production is back with Rashaun Woods, Josh Fields, Tatum Bell, et al.

Sam Mayes, who could play right guard or tackle, is the Cowboys' best lineman and may have NFL potential. Center Ben Buie must overcome shoulder surgery. Youngsters Chris Akin, Corey Curtis and Bryon Machado all started at times last year.

Beyond that, the Cowboys have at least four players who will bid for playing time, if not starting jobs, with identifying a right tackle the remaining preseason project.

defensive linemen

OSU enters preseason with its two tackle spots unsettled. Kevin Williams leaves a major void after dominating on his way to becoming

a first-round NFL pick.

Injuries to expected replacements Clay Coe and Kyle Hix in the spring only created more questions. Such as: Can touted true freshmen Xavier Lawson-Kennedy, Brad Girtman and Marque Fountain play key roles at such a demanding position? They'll be given a shot, along with junior college transfer Efe Mowarin.

"We need Clay Coe and Kyle Hix to come on and be ready," says defensive coordinator Bill Clay.

At least the Cowboys are set at end, where Greg Richmond leads a talented threesome that includes Antonio Smith and Khreem Smith. Richmond, a speedy and active end who can disrupt game plans, tied Williams for the team lead with seven sacks in '02.

linebackers

Coaches didn't know how Paul Duren would hold up as a redshirt freshman. All he did was lead the team in tackles.

Now Duren is the veteran of a young but talented group of linebackers. Duren, a physical and secure tackler, is best against the run, filling gaps and breaking into the backfield.

Depth was an issue a year ago, and coaches say it's the reason behind an upgrade this time. Both Lawrence Pinson and Pagitte McGee played meaningful minutes as true freshmen in '02, and a year in the weight room and the system should benefit both. They're active and athletic and can cover the field from sideline to sideline. Glenn Jackson, coming off a redshirt year, projects as the next freshman to contribute.

defensive backs

OSU's secondary continually got younger — and better — in '02.

There's a veteran presence with cornerback Darrent Williams and weak safety Elbert Craig, a pair of big hitters. Otherwise, youth and speed dominate the defensive backfield.

Vernon Grant emerged as a shutdown corner as a freshman

★ RISING STAR

Defensive tackle is tough place to try a true freshman, but Texas high school phenom **Xavier Lawson-Kennedy** might just be ready. The 6'3", 305-pound Lawson-Kennedy was bench-pressing an amazing 505 pounds in the spring, so he won't be overmatched.

last year. Eventually, fellow rookies Daniel McLeMore, Thomas Wright and Jamar Ransom all filled significant roles by the end of the year, taking playing time from seniors.

Competition will be heated again. Junior college transfer Robert Jones played so well in the spring that Grant was moved to strong safety, solidifying that spot at least for the opener at Nebraska.

"The objective is to get our five best players on the field for Nebraska," says Clay. "The good news is we're stronger than we've ever been in the secondary."

specialists

Placekicker Luke Phillips faded from the Lou Groza watch list in '02, not due to a disappointing year, but because the Cowboys scored so many touchdowns, limiting his opportunities. Phillips is a reliable weapon.

After a shaky start to his career, Cole Farden has become a solid punter.

Coaches are excited about the return game, where Williams, Jones, McLeMore, McCown and Gabe Lindsay combine a burst with urgency.

Outside the Huddle

New deal Cowboys coach Les Miles earned a raise and contract extension after leading OSU to eight wins and a bowl bid in just his second season. Miles had drawn interest for openings at Michigan State, Baylor and elsewhere.

No. 2 While Josh Fields is entrenched as the starter, the backup quarterback job will be hotly contested in preseason. Redshirt freshman Jamie Beeghley had a strong spring, but he'll have to fend off incoming freshmen Donovan Woods, Mike Friess and Calvin Roberts.

Off and running The Cowboys face a doubly important start to their schedule, heading to Lincoln for their season and conference opener at Nebraska.

Temp help One of the more intriguing moves of spring was shifting Vernon Grant from cornerback to strong safety. The move may be temporary, designed to get the five best DBs on the field for the Cornhuskers. After that, more experimentation will be in order against a stretch of four non-conference patsies.

Campaign trail OSU's sports information people are preparing the most aggressive campaign in school history to promote Rashaun Woods for the Heisman Trophy. It starts with posters of Woods that should hit the door of every member of the Football Writers Association of America by mid-summer.

Raw import Cowboy coaches don't know what they have, but they like the looks of Aramide Adefemiwa, a 6'3", 265-pound Nigerian student who strolled into their offices one day wanting to try football. For now, he's a defensive tackle.

2003 Oklahoma St. Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

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Head Coach
Les Miles

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
44	Ackerman, Chet	FB	6'2"	225	So.	Stroud, OK
12	Ahrberg, Will	QB	6'4"	195	So.	Cushing, OK
69	Akin, Chris	OL	6'2"	290	Jr.	Weatherford, OK
7	Baisden, Brent	K	5'11"	190	Sr.	Bethany, OK
86	Bajema, Billy	TE	6'5"	250	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
14	Beeghley, Jamie	QB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Midland, TX
7	Bell, Tatum	RB	5'11"	210	Sr.	DeSoto, TX
74	Bond, Doug	OL	6'3"	280	Fr.	Grand Prairie, TX
81	Bray, Jerry Don	DT	6'4"	245	So.	Chickasha, OK
56	Buie, Ben	OL	6'2"	305	Jr.	Broken Arrow, OK
40	Burrough, Tim	FB	6'1"	255	Sr.	Moore, OK
42	Carroll, Trumain	DE	6'3"	230	Fr.	Ft. Bend, TX
2	Carter, Fath'	DB	6'3"	230	Sr.	El Reno, OK
96	Coe, Clay	DT	6'2"	280	Jr.	Edmond, OK
3	Craig, Elbert	WS	6'1"	220	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
94	Craig, Marcus	DT	6'11"	280	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
64	Cruz, Jonathan	OL	6'5"	355	Fr.	Arlington, TX
66	Curtis, Corey	OL	6'5"	265	So.	Owasso, OK
78	Davis, Kellen	OL	6'5"	275	So.	Stigler, OK
67	Dressen, Jacob	OL	6'4"	280	Jr.	Mooreland, OK
12	Duren, Paul	LB	6'1"	235	So.	Del City, OK
18	Farden, Cole	P	5'11"	210	Jr.	Grapevine, TX
13	Fields, Josh	QB	6'1"	210	Jr.	Stillwater, OK
29	Francis, Paul	SS	6'2"	190	Jr.	Lawton, OK
33	Gold, Greg	RB	5'10"	200	Fr.	Irving, TX
20	Grant, Vernon	SS	5'10"	180	So.	Duncanville, TX
75	Hafler, Bob	OL	6'2"	275	Sr.	Niskayuna, NY
61	Hall, Sam	C	6'4"	265	Sr.	Ft. Worth, TX
57	Hardison, Matt	T	6'6"	260	Sr.	Adair, OK
79	Hayhurst, Jon	OL	6'3"	290	Sr.	Choctaw, OK
83	Hix, Kyle	DT	6'5"	280	So.	Ardmore, OK
14	Holland, Chase	DB	6'0"	205	So.	Oklahoma City, OK
49	Jackson, Glenn	LB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Carrollton, TX
83	Jackson, Jesse	TE	6'5"	260	Sr.	Sapulpa, OK
25	Johnson, Andre	DB	5'10"	185	So.	Chickasha, OK
80	Johnson, Charlie	TE	6'4"	255	So.	Sherman, TX
22	Jones, Greg	RB	5'9"	200	Jr.	Carrollton, TX
6	Jones, Robert	CB	6'0"	190	Jr.	Midwest City, OK
73	Koenig, Doug	OL	6'4"	295	Sr.	Cape Coral, FL
38	Letourneau, Josh	DB	5'11"	195	So.	Plano, TX

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
11	Lindsay, Gabe	WR	5'8"	185	Sr.	Denver, CO
63	Machado, Bryon	OL	6'2"	260	So.	Miami, OK
97	Mason, Mike	DL	6'5"	245	Fr.	San Angelo, TX
76	Mayes, Sam	G	6'4"	315	Jr.	Austintown, OH
5	McCown, Errick	WR	5'11"	170	So.	Arlington, TX
39	McCoy, Jared	LB	5'10"	220	So.	McCloud, OK
41	McGee, Pagitte	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Tyler, TX
46	McIntyre, Preston	LB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Burns Flat, OK
4	McLemore, Daniel	CB	5'7"	160	So.	Duncanville, TX
16	Morency, Vernand	RB	5'11"	215	So.	Miami, FL
24	Nease, Chay	DB	6'1"	205	Jr.	Thomas, OK
53	Noble, Caleb	OL	6'1"	300	Fr.	Fairview, OK
26	Ogbonna, Emeka	DB	5'10"	200	Jr.	Wichita, KS
27	Phillips, Luke	K	6'0"	170	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
99	Pinson, Lawrence	LB	6'2"	235	So.	Jenks, OK
44	Ransom, Jamar	DB	5'11"	215	So.	El Paso, TX
45	Richmond, Greg	DE	6'2"	240	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
15	Rylant, Sky	P	6'0"	205	Sr.	Temple, OK
72	Seifried, Kurt	OL	6'4"	285	Fr.	Jenks, OK
2	Shaw, Seymore	RB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Shawnee, OK
13	Sinclair, Freddie	DB	5'11"	190	Jr.	Raytown, MO
91	Smith, Antonio	DE	6'4"	255	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
50	Smith, Darnell	DE	6'2"	230	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
52	Smith, Khreem	DE	6'4"	240	Sr.	Miami, FL
39	Spriggs, D.D.	DE	6'1"	230	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
54	Tibbits, Eric	OL	6'4"	275	So.	Ardmore, OK
31	Vardeman, Bryan	SS	5'11"	195	Sr.	Lawton, OK
77	Wakefield, Matt	G	6'5"	270	So.	El Reno, OK
1	Ward, Charlie	SS	6'1"	210	So.	Lawton, OK
15	Warren, Matt	QB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
47	Wheeler, Josh	LB	6'2"	235	Sr.	Oxford, KS
9	Williams, Darrent	CB	5'9"	170	Jr.	Ft. Worth, TX
15	Williams, Kenneth	WR	6'4"	190	So.	Dallas, TX
98	Williams, Mike	DT	6'1"	290	Sr.	Denver, CO
39	Willis, Shawn	FB	6'1"	235	So.	Flatonia, TX
85	Wohlgemuth, John	WR	6'2"	190	Jr.	Fairview, OK
84	Woods, D'Juan	WR	6'2"	180	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
82	Woods, Rashaun	WR	6'2"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
19	Wright, Chris	WR	5'11"	180	Jr.	Austin, TX
10	Wright, Thomas	DB	5'11"	180	So.	Sweeny, TX

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Andrew Alexander	ATH	5'10"	170	Lawton, OK
Rushed for 1,010 yards and 13 TDs as a senior. Named honorable mention all-state by the <i>Daily Oklahoman</i> and <i>Tulsa World</i> .				
Eric Allen	WR	6'4"	185	Colorado Springs, CO
Tallied nearly 2,000 yards receiving his last two years as a prep.				
Jerome Bremby	L	6'5"	305	Altus, OK
Named honorable mention all-state by the <i>Daily Oklahoman</i> .				
Eddie Brown	WR	6'3"	190	New Orleans, LA
Winner of the Ryan Hill Award given to the top player in the state. Caught 55 passes for 695 yards and 10 TDs as a senior.				
Rodney Brown	WR	6'4"	195	Sapulpa, OK
Caught 36 passes for 763 yards and six TDs as a junior.				
Ricky Coxell	CB	5'11"	175	Houston, TX
Earned second-team All-Greater Houston in 2002.				
Maurice Cummings	DL	6'3"	260	Rosebud, TX
A two-time all-district performer.				
Victor DeGrate Jr.	LB	6'4"	230	DeSoto, TX
Named District co-Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. Rated the No. 20 LB in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Tommy Deveraux	ATH	6'1"	170	Duncanville, TX
Ranked the No. 36 ATH in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Marque Fountain	DL	6'2"	262	Fort Bend, TX
Recorded 104 tackles and six sacks as a senior. Named first-team All-Greater Houston and district MVP.				
Paul Francis	DB	6'2"	190	Lawton, OK
Started the last two seasons at NE Oklahoma A&M.				
Mike Friess	QB	6'2"	215	Wichita, KS
Rated among the Top 50 QBs in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Phillip Friess	DB	6'3"	270	Conway Springs, KS
Recorded 52 tackles and two sacks as a senior.				
Brad Girtman	DT	6'6"	300	Houston, TX
Ranked the No. 15 DT in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Named Houston Touchdown Club's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior.				
Adam Gourley	OL	6'6"	270	Fredonia, KS
A two-year starter at Butler County (KS) CC.				
Corey Hilliard	OL	6'6"	290	New Orleans, LA
Named all-state by the <i>Associated Press</i> . Also named first-team all-metro pick by the <i>New Orleans Times-Picayune</i> .				
Jon Holland	DB	6'1"	190	Oklahoma City, OK
A first-team all-conference pick at NE Oklahoma A&M in 2002.				
Grant Jones	ATH	5'10"	185	Pawnee, OK
Rushed for 2,481 yards and 35 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 54 safety in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . An all-state pick as a senior.				
Phillip Jones	WR	6'0"	180	Denton, TX
Named all-area by the <i>Dallas Morning News</i> . Caught 50 passes for 1,060 yards and 12 TDs as a junior.				
Robert Jones	CB	6'0"	190	Midwest City, OK
Rated the No. 11 JC prospect in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Started two years at NE Oklahoma A&M.				
Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	DT	6'3"	305	Duncanville, TX
Ranked the No. 4 DT in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Recorded 120 tackles, 17 TFLs and six sacks as a senior.				
David Koenig	OL	6'5"	251	Cape Coral, FL
Named first-team all-district as a senior.				
Chijuan Mack	WR	6'3"	185	Baton Rouge, LA
Caught 39 passes for 814 yards and 12 TDs in 2002. Named to the first-team all-state by the <i>Baton Rouge Advocate</i> .				
Omar McKenzie	TE	6'4"	240	Fort Bend, TX
Rated the No. 39 TE in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Named first-team All-Greater Houston in 2002.				
Efe Mowarin	DT	6'3"	295	Tulsa, OK
A two-year starter at NE Oklahoma A&M. Earned all-conference mention as a sophomore.				
Jeremy Nethon	ATH	6'2"	183	Beggs, OK
Rushed for 1,667 yards and 15 TDs as a senior. Named All-State by the <i>Daily Oklahoman</i> and <i>Tulsa World</i> .				
Calvin Roberts	ATH	6'1"	185	Port Arthur, TX
Rated the No. 19 ATH in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Paschal Smith	TE/DE	6'4"	250	Dallas, TX
Earned first-team all-district honors as senior. Caught 11 passes for 250 yards and one TD in 2002.				
Tremayne Standberry	TE	6'4"	230	Lewisville, TX
Named to the <i>Dallas Morning News</i> Top 100 list. Rated the No. 30 TE in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Jamie Thompson	DB	6'0"	185	Sperr, FL
Named first-team All-Jayhawk Conference as a sophomore at Butler County (KS) CC. Recorded 10.5 sacks in 2002.				
Donovan Woods	QB	6'3"	205	Oklahoma City, OK
Combined for over 3,500 all-purpose yards and 47 TDs as a senior. Named Offensive Player of the Year by the <i>Daily Oklahoman</i> .				

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	82	Rashaun Woods (Sr.)	15	Kenneth Williams (So.)
WR	84	D'Juan Woods (Fr.)	85	John Wohlgemuth (Jr.)
LT	57	Matt Hardison (Sr.)		Adam Gourley (Jr.)
LG	69	Chris Akin (Jr.)	66	Corey Curtis (So.)
C	56	Ben Buie (Jr.)	63	Bryon Machado (So.)
RG	76	Sam Mayes (Jr.)	64	Jonathan Cruz (Fr.)
RT	78	Kellen Davis (So.)	73	Doug Koenig (Sr.)
TE	86	Billy Bajema (Jr.)	80	Charlie Johnson (So.)
QB	13	Josh Fields (Jr.)	14	Jamie Beeghley (Fr.)
TB	7	Tatum Bell (Sr.)	2	Seymore Shaw (Jr.)
FB	40	Tim Burrough (Sr.)	39	Shawn Willis (So.)

Defense (6)

DE	45	Greg Richmond (Sr.)	50	Darnell Smith (Fr.)
DT	96	Clay Coe (Jr.)	98	Mike Williams (Sr.)
DT	83	Kyle Hix (So.)		X. Lawson-Kennedy (Fr.)
DE	91	Antonio Smith (Jr.)	52	Khreem Smith (Sr.)
LB	12	Paul Duren (So.)	41	Pagitte McGee (So.)
LB	99	Lawrence Pinson (So.)	49	Glenn Jackson (Fr.)
CB	9	Darrent Williams (Jr.)	25	Andre Johnson (So.)
CB	6	Robert Jones (Jr.)	4	Daniel McLemore (So.)
SS	20	Vernon Grant (So.)	2	Fath' Carter (Sr.)
FS	10	Thomas Wright (So.)	14	Chase Holland (So.)
WS	3	Elbert Craig (Sr.)	44	Jamar Ransom (So.)

Special Teams

K	27	Luke Phillips (Sr.)
P	18	Cole Farden (Jr.)
KR	6	Robert Jones (Jr.)
PR	11	Gabe Lindsay (Sr.)

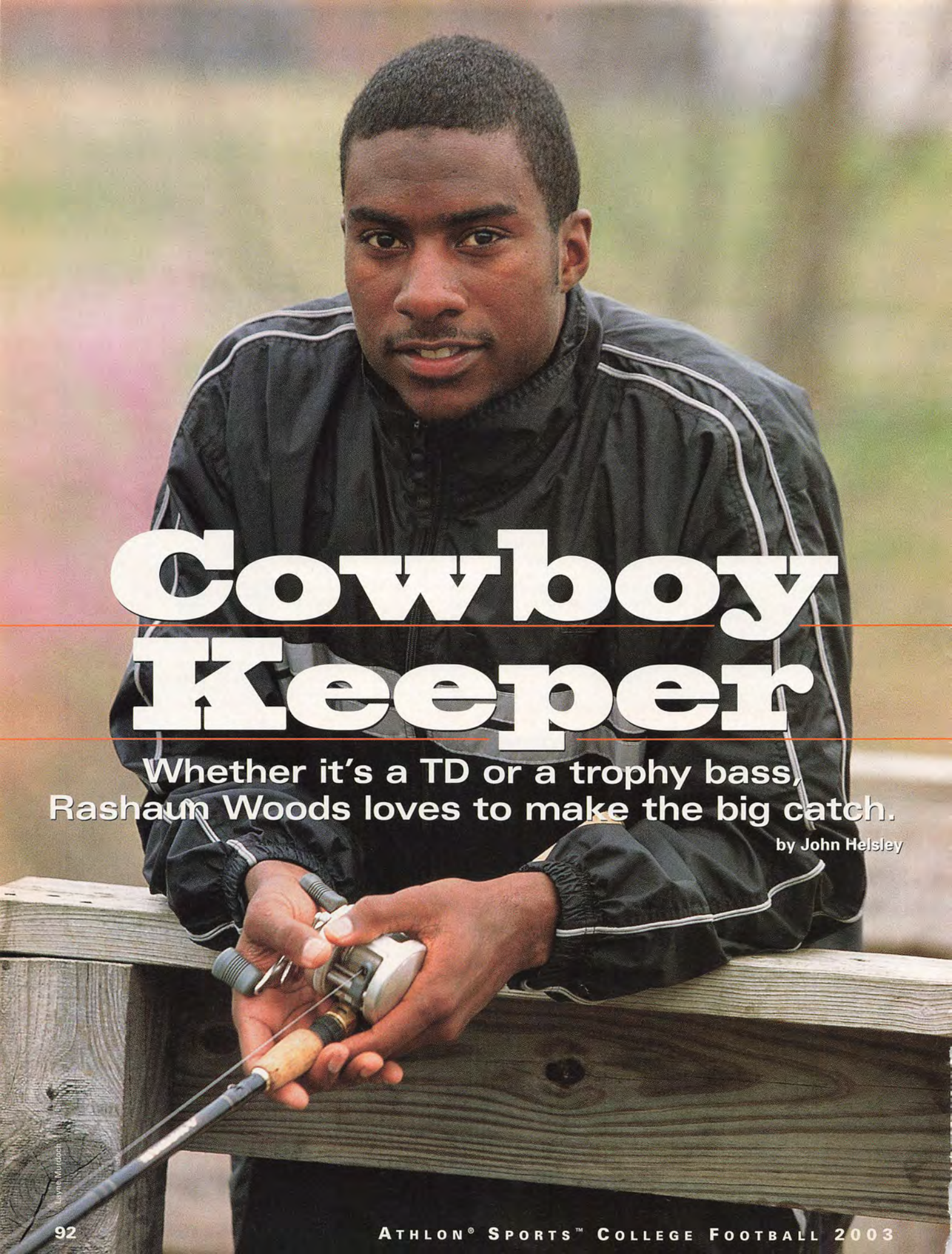
(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Josh Fields, 226-408-3, 145-10, 31 TDs
Rushing: Tatum Bell, 175 car., 1,096 yds., 11 TDs
Receiving: Rashaun Woods, 107 rec., 1,695 yds., 17 TDs
Scoring: Rashaun Woods, 17 TDs, 102 points
Punting: Cole Farden, 57 punts, 41.4 avg.
Kicking: Luke Phillips, 11-16 FGs, 55-56 XPs, 88 points
Tackles: Paul Duren, 84, 56 solo
Tackles for loss: Greg Richmond, 7 for 57 yds.
Sacks: Greg Richmond, 7
Interceptions: Darrent Williams, 3 for 47 yds.
Kickoff returns: Dan McLemore, 4 ret., 10.8 avg.
Punt returns: Fath' Carter, 1 ret., 10.0 avg.

2002 Results

A.	31	at Louisiana Tech	L	36-39
S.	7	Northern Iowa	W	45-10
S.	14	UCLA	L	24-38
S.	21	SMU	W	52-16
O.	5	at Texas	L	15-17
O.	12	at Kansas State	L	9-44
O.	19	Nebraska	W	24-21
N.	2	Texas A&M	W	28-23
N.	9	at Texas Tech	L	24-49
N.	16	at Kansas	W	55-20
N.	23	Baylor	W	63-28
N.	30	Oklahoma	W	38-28
D.	27	#Southern Miss	W	33-23
		#Houston Bowl		



Cowboy Keeper

Whether it's a TD or a trophy bass,
Rashawn Woods loves to make the big catch.

by John Helsley

Rashaun Woods is ever eager to talk about his big catch. Not the corner-of-the-end-zone grab that so satisfyingly denied Oklahoma a shot at the 2001 national championship.

Not any of his 17 touchdown receptions a year ago, which included a more-than-memorable trio that sank the Sooners again and sent Oklahoma State on to its best season since 1997.

Woods lights up recalling his most prized catch of all, a big fat fighting bass he hooked in the back brush of a Stillwater pond.

"Ten pounds, eight ounces," says Woods, flashing a gaping grin that belies his usual cool. "Now that's a thrill."

That's the other side of Woods, better known for delivering thrills on fall Saturdays as one of the elite wide receivers in the land.

Woods was a Big 12 secret before last year, when he led the nation in touchdown catches and finished third in yards per game and fourth in receptions per game. Some of his best work came in spotlight games against outstanding defenders:

- Seven receptions, 143 yards and a touchdown in a mismatch with UCLA star corner Ricky Manning Jr.

- 11 receptions, 134 yards and a touchdown in the face of Nebraska's Dejuan Groce.

- 12 receptions, 226 yards and three touchdowns in a nationally televised torching of the vaunted Sooner secondary.

- Nine receptions, 164 yards and a touchdown against Southern Mississippi's Etric Pruitt in the 2002 Houston Bowl.

**"He's the greatest receiver
I faced this year.**

**He's the greatest receiver
I've faced in my career."**

— former Kansas State All-America
corner Terence Newman

Discussing those conquests, however, just doesn't interest Woods nearly as much as rods and reels and spinner baits.

"That's his personality," says OSU offensive coordinator Mike Gundy. "He's very low key. He's quiet. He doesn't partake in what you would think a normal college student's activities would be.

"He plays football. He studies. And he fishes."

Woods' love for dipping lines in lakes and private ponds is rooted in his upbringing. He grew up in a fishing family.

As their Oklahoma City house swelled with children, Juana and Lawrence looked for budget-conscious ways to have fun with their six sons and daughters.

"Fishing was something we could do as a family," Juana says. "Go to the lake, pack up a picnic lunch, fish and talk and just share.

"It's one of those inexpensive things you can do when you have a lot of children. And it's one of those things you can do to develop a relationship, just talking."

Juana Woods was key in her sons' athletic adventures. She urged them into as many sports as possible. She even coached T-ball. As a result, they became passionate about their games. And it paid off, with Rashaun now joined at OSU by two promising brothers — redshirt freshman receiver D'Juan and incoming freshman quarterback Donovan.

At first, Juana just wanted to keep them occupied.

"I have this theory, that if you take a child to church, and let them play sports, they're too tired to get into trouble," Juana says. "So our kids sing in the choir and do all the other things the kids do at church.

"And I keep them busy in sports. Football. Baseball. Basketball. Track. And by the time they do their homework, they're exhausted. It's a way of life for us."

Still is.

The Woods clan still prays and plays together, with Cowboy games quite a gathering.

And when time allows, they fish. That's Lawrence's influence.

"My dad taught me how to fish when I was real young," Rashaun says.

"He enjoyed doing it and since he enjoyed it, I enjoyed going with him.

"Going out in a small 14-foot cajun boat, my mom, dad, my two little brothers squeezing in like sardines, all going out crappie fishing. That's my best memory."

Rashaun is serious about his fishing.

Back before he became a rising pro prospect, he made a declaration that he'd rather be a Bass Master than an NFL wideout.



**Two-sport star? Woods excels at catching both
fish and footballs.**

Now? "I wouldn't mind doing both," says Woods, who made a guest appearance on Jimmy Houston's outdoor fishing show last winter. "Either one. If I wasn't playing football, I'd be a lot more heavy toward bass fishing."

Or, Cowboys receivers coach Todd Monken suspects, if the money was right, there might be no question.

"If he thought he could make \$5 million fishing," Monken says, "I'm not sure he wouldn't give up playing football."

Like with football, Woods is into fishing for the thrills.

Now that might sound silly to the uninitiated, those who find fishing a fine lazy-day activity, maybe a chance to hide the eyes under a ball cap and doze off and dream a while.

That's not the fishing Woods knows.

"Hard work and dedication," says Woods, comparing the standards that make him successful at his two favorite passions. "Same rules apply.

I get more joy out of finding a fish than actually catching them. I want to get into tournament fishing. One thing those guys are good at is finding the fish.

"Anybody can go out and catch however many fish they want. To go on a public lake with 100 boats out there with fishermen competing, and catch the limit, that's what I want to do."



Woods celebrates his game-winning grab that beat OU in 2001.

So, what will it be? Football? Fishing? Both?

"I could probably do both, but I probably wouldn't because of football. But I would definitely have my share of tournaments."

For now, he's gathering his share of Cowboy receiving records.

Woods is No. 1 at OSU in yards in a season (1,695), receptions in a season (107) and career (216) and season touchdown receptions (17). Early this season, he'll likely claim all other significant marks, most set by former Cowboy All-American Hart Lee Dykes.

"He's the greatest receiver I faced this year," Kansas State All-America corner Terence Newman said of Woods last winter after collecting the Thorpe Award, recognizing the nation's top defensive back. "He's

the greatest receiver I've faced in my career."

Gundy was on the throwing end of Dykes' records and never thought his former teammate would have a peer.

Now, he's not so sure.

"They both have an uncanny ability to judge the ball and go take it away," says Gundy. "Woods is as good as Dykes at doing that. Like Hart Lee, Woods is very good at playing basketball with the defender and using leverage.

"Whenever there was good competition, Hart Lee wasn't going to let anybody whip him in anything. He was very, very competitive. That's what makes guys like him really good players. Woods is the same way."

Prior to joining the OSU staff last year, Monken directed the wide-open attacks at Louisiana Tech. He had coached some talented wideouts at Tech, including a record-setter in Troy Edwards. He heard the hype surrounding Woods upon his arrival in Stillwater, wondering how much to believe.

"When I got here," Monken says, "there were a few people telling me, 'He's really not as good as people are putting him out to be.' And you're fearful of that, when you come into a situation where they've been losing, where maybe they're trying to tout some guy.

"Well, he really is that good."

What makes Woods so good? A variety of things, coaches say, from his precise route-running, to his great hands, to his size and deceiving speed.

"He's one of the most competitive athletes I've ever been around," Monken says. "And he works harder at being a great player than anybody I've been around. He's not only blessed with tremendous, God-given ability, he works at it.

"And he learns from each rep. I've been where guys can go a whole game and they don't understand what's happening until after it's happening. Rashaun's a guy who studies the heck out of film."

And, like most great athletes, he has an undeniable air of confidence about him.

"I don't look at it as cockiness," says Monken, "but when we played UCLA (a 38-24 loss), he came to the sideline and said, 'You just throw the ball to me and I'll win the game by myself.'"

"He didn't mean it to be that, 'I'm the only guy on this team.' He is a complete team player. He understands it takes everybody to be successful. But he truly believes in his heart that if you line up every time and throw the ball to him, you can win the game. He has that confidence in himself."

Woods is constantly competing. Not just against defensive backs or defensive coordinators who dare to devise a scheme that can limit him. There's an inner drive that may be tougher than any coverage scheme.

"For me, every time I do something, rack up more yards or whatever, I think I could do better," Woods says. "It's never good enough for me. I don't know why. Sometimes I don't think my best is enough.

"They tell me I'm too critical of myself. But I always think I can push myself to do more."

So Woods pushes.

On the practice field, where he often keeps quarterback Josh Fields and others around for extra work afterward. In the film room. In games. On the headsets.

"I'm never going to settle," says Woods. "I'm not saying I'm looking for more yards or anything for me, I just want to make the big plays to help my team win, whether that's blocking or catching the ball. I'd take

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a good block that springs (tailback) Tatum Bell any day."

Gundy was hired as part of Les Miles' new staff for Woods' breakout season in 2001. Gradually, the coaches realized what they had at their disposal.

"It was about midway through the year," Gundy says. "Every time we threw him the ball, he scored touchdowns. Pretty soon somebody said, 'Anytime we get inside the 20, we need to throw the ball to him.'"

"Then it became pretty clear what we had."

The Cowboys kept throwing it to Woods all over the field. And Woods kept making plays. Difference-making plays.

And he'll do it again, after deciding against declaring early for the NFL Draft. Woods wants to play with his brothers. And he wants to be around when the Oklahoma State program enjoys even more success. An 8-5 record and a bowl game victory weren't enough.

"Now it's time to go higher," Woods says. "Now that we've done that, it's not enough. We're thirsty for more."

How much more? A Big 12 championship.

"Those are the expectations," says Woods. "Now, more than ever, they're more realistic. Every year we have those expectations, but we have the look of a team that can meet those expectations."

"Not only in our eyes, but in everybody's eyes. They know we can be a threat in the Big 12."

And Woods insists that's not just some fish story.

While he'd never admit an interest, there are personal goals out there for Woods as well.

Already an All-American, he's a top candidate for the Biletnikoff Award, and the school is planning a major push to promote him for the Heisman Trophy.

And then there are fish to catch — for the chase more than the chow. "If I'm fishing bass, I let them go," says Woods. "If I'm fishing crappie or something like that, I'll clean 'em and eat 'em. Mostly it's more of sport fishing for me. I like to keep the bass population up. And go back and catch them again. That's the challenge."

If pressed, Woods will talk about his biggest catch on a football field. Picking one, even among a catalog that spans those 216 career grabs and 27 touchdowns, is actually easy.

"It has to be that 2001 OU game," says Woods of his grab that led to a monumental upset of the Sooners. "I never had more hype put on one catch. I never heard more about one catch. It was like hitting a last-second shot in basketball, you don't do it often."

The Cowboys were 3-7 at the time, playing in Norman against a No. 4-ranked Oklahoma team still holding on to hopes of a successful national title defense. OSU trailed 13-9, but had the ball at the Sooner 14 with 1:45 to play.

"I can describe it like it was yesterday," Woods says. "We're running to the line of scrimmage, going no-huddle, because the coaches thought we could catch them off-guard."

"On the sideline, the coaches are yelling 'Colorado, Colorado,' which at the time was the name of that route. There wasn't any doubt where the ball was going."

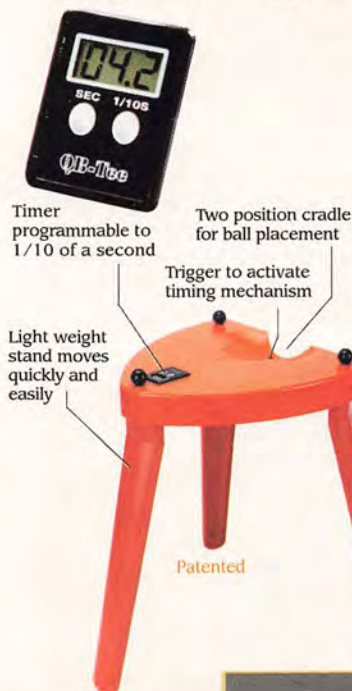
"It was going to be tough, but Josh put it in a great spot. I ran a fade route and he put it on my outside shoulder. The only place I could get it and come down with the catch."

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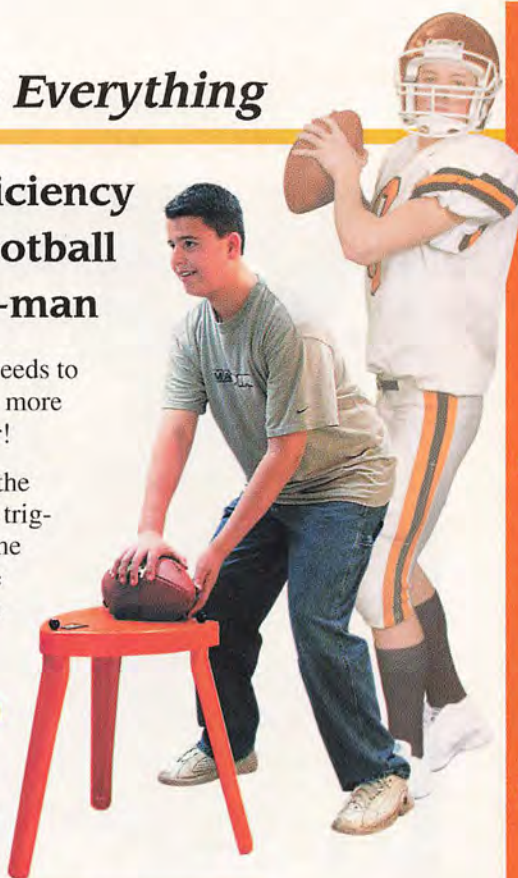


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Location, location, location. Mack Brown says with consecutive 11-win seasons and top 10 finishes, his Longhorns have set up shop in the proper subdivision — National Title Estates.

"We've moved into the neighborhood," Brown says. "Now, if you stay in that neighborhood, if you're fortunate, everything will fall in place one year and you will win all the games."

So when will the UT family vacation involve a trip to the national championship game, or at least an excursion to a Bowl Championship Series contest? In Brown's five seasons, UT has made three short treks to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas and a couple of pre-New Year's Day visits to San Diego for the Holiday Bowl. In that time, four Big 12 teams have enjoyed outings to the more desirable locations of Pasadena, Tempe, New Orleans and Miami — sites of the BCS bowls.

With 15 starters returning, including some of the country's top offensive skill players, Texas has its eyes on the top prize.

"We have what it takes," junior quarterback Chance Mock says. "With the players we have, the national championship has to be the goal."

quarterbacks

Brown wasted little time in deciding to hand the starting job to Mock over highly

touted redshirt freshman Vincent Young, but he did say Young was likely to play in every game. "We've learned that in today's college game you've got to have two guys ready to play quarterback at a high level," Brown says. "And you probably won't have time to get a guy up to speed on the run. So you'd better have somebody that has been on the field and faced live bullets ready to go should something happen to your No. 1 guy."

Mock is a hard-nosed player who is more athletic than predecessors Major Applewhite and Chris Simms, and he has a strong arm. Young is an explosive runner with breakaway speed and ability, but until he gets a handle on the offense, he will be relegated to fill-in duty. Brown hasn't decided how much he'll play and under what circumstances, but he is certain to see more than mop-up duty.

running backs

Tailback Cedric Benson has the nerve to be disappointed with a season in which he rushed for 1,293 yards. He vows to be better this season. "I'm harder on myself than anyone else," Benson says. "I just don't feel our running game produced what it should have. That won't happen again."

Benson's 4.2 yards per carry was a drop-off of a half-yard from his first season, and he didn't have a 100-yard game in the last

five contests, but he was playing behind a below-average offensive line and played through a slew of nagging injuries.

Sophomore Selvin Young is a capable backup and change-of-pace guy. He split time with Benson in the latter part of the season, so he will get his touches.

Fullbacks have been virtual offensive linemen in the Longhorns' system, but former starting tailback Ivan Williams (20 receptions a year ago) brings a pass-catching dimension that makes him a threat. He suffered a knee injury in a pickup basketball game and missed the spring, but if he returns to health he should be a key contributor.

receivers



Roy Williams, B.J. Johnson and Sloan Thomas were once billed as the country's best freshman class of receivers. Now, they are the country's top senior trio and should have a huge year.

With a new quarterback, expect some inconsistency and more emphasis on the running game. But Williams, whose 27 receiving touchdowns are 11 more than anyone in school history, may be the most dangerous player in the nation, so expect him to get his hands on the ball in a variety of ways. "I don't think



Layne Murdoch

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a National Championship

A stagnant running game has been the major problem in the biggest game of the season the last three years. Texas has a combined 73 yards rushing on 77 carries in its three straight losses to Oklahoma. UT can't average 3.4 yards per carry and finish 74th in the country in rushing and win the national title. The line needs to get up to speed. Defensively, coordinator Carl Reese loves man-to-man coverage and a heavy blitzing scheme, while Mack Brown prefers less risky zone coverages and four-man pressure. Which will be the preferred style? Probably somewhere in the middle. However they play, the Horns need to adjust better on the fly. Championship teams don't allow a running back to rush for 248 yards (Oklahoma's Quentin Griffin) or a QB to throw for 473 yards and six TDs (Texas Tech's Kliff Kingsbury).

2003 Schedule

A. 30	New Mexico State	W
S. 13	Arkansas	W
S. 20	at Rice	W
S. 27	Tulane	W
O. 4	Kansas State	*
O. 11	#Oklahoma	*
O. 18	at Iowa State	W
O. 25	at Baylor	W
N. 1	Nebraska	W
N. 8	at Oklahoma State	W
N. 15	Texas Tech	W
N. 28	at Texas A&M	W
	#Dallas, TX	

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Roy Williams: 64 catches, 1,142 yards, 12 TDs in 2002

Layne Murdoch



Cedric Benson



Derrick Johnson

Roy will get bored waiting for us to get him the ball," offensive coordinator Greg Davis says.

Johnson has turned into a strong over-the-middle guy and Thomas a solid deep threat.

The Longhorns hope sophomore tight end David Thomas is more than just a spring star.

offensive linemen

The Longhorns have had a first-team All-American on the line in each of the last three seasons. That streak won't continue, but overall the group could be better under new line coach Mac McWhorter.

13 Texas allowed a ridiculously low 13 points off its 18 turnovers in 2002, while turning opponents' 35 giveaways into 125 points.

There are two key battles taking shape on the line — at center and right tackle. Jason Glynn started at center last year, but Will Allen is pushing him in a race that won't be decided until two-a-days. The same holds true at right tackle where redshirt freshman Justin Blalock has jumped ahead of sophomore Will Winston.

"Competition is a great motivator," McWhorter says. "We want to be two-deep across the line, but we'll go with whatever number we have where there is no drop-off."

defensive linemen

Besides the loss of Cory Redding, health may be the biggest concern here. Three key contrib-

utors from a year ago have had various injuries.

If end Kalen Thornton and tackle Marcus Tubbs can stay on the field, they will contend for all-conference honors. Unfortunately, Thornton spent much of last season getting up to speed after knee surgery, and Tubbs sat out the better part of six games with a variety of injuries.

Rodrique Wright, a surprise starter and Big 12 Defensive Freshman of the Year last season, had knee surgery in the off-season but should be at 100 percent this fall. He has star written all over him.

Coordinator Carl Reese can rattle off five names as potential replacements for Cory Redding at left end, but not one stepped up in the spring. That leaves Bryan Pickryl, who sat out the spring workouts recovering from shoulder surgery, as the starter.

linebackers

It's time for Derrick Johnson to put it all together. Fast, nasty and instinctive, Johnson has all the tools. "The leadership and work ethic is what you look for, now that he's going into his third year," Reese says. "He has talent and instincts. He is a phenom as far as what God gave him."

The rest of the Longhorn linebacking corps is a bit iffy, though there are some good athletes in the group. Reed Boyd, who led the team in tackles in 2002, is the only other player with extensive playing experience.

Expect sophomore Garnet Smith to be a starter, but Reese says a regular "shuffling of the deck" (excluding Johnson) is not out of the question with sophomore Aaron Harris and redshirt freshmen Marcus Myers and Brian Robison factoring into the rotation.

defensive backs

A shortage of defensive backs kept the Longhorns from running their dime package during parts of last season and limited them during the spring, so look for true freshmen to earn spots on the depth chart.

RISEING STAR

If you believe the hype, defensive backs are not big enough to tackle him, linebackers aren't fast enough to catch him and defensive linemen ... please don't make him laugh. Redshirt freshman quarterback **Vincent Young** appears to be a star waiting for a place to shine.

Meanwhile, the starting foursome is solid. Nathan Vasher inherits the role of top shut-down corner from Rod Babers, who claimed it from Quentin Jammer.

Sophomore Cedric Griffin could develop into a stud at corner. Classmate Michael Huff has cornerback skills at strong safety and senior Dakari Pearson is an opportunist at free safety.

Sophomore corner Edorian McCullough heads the list of subs and should be a nickel back who plays nearly as much as the starters.

specialists

Brown hopes kicker Dusty Mangum's slump last season was a case of the yips. "Kickers are like golfers — sometimes you have your rhythm and sometimes you don't," Brown says.

Brown hints that Mangum may have gotten comfortable because of a lack of competition, but if he slips this season, David Pino and Richmond McGee are waiting in the wings.

UT's punting has been consistently average the past couple of seasons, and it could be worse. Taylor Landin and Justin Smith are locked in a battle for the job entering the fall.

Outside the Huddle

Shake-up To help improve production for an offense that had a ground game ranked 74th in the country, head coach Mack Brown made Mac McWhorter the new offensive line coach and brought in running backs coach Michael Haywood from LSU. They were the first staff moves initiated by Brown in his five seasons at Texas.

Lesson learned Don't expect the Chance Mock-Vincent Young quarterback duel to become a controversy. Brown learned a lot during the two-year Major Applewhite-Chris Simms public debate. In case he needs advice, he can turn to Applewhite, who joined the staff as a graduate assistant. He will work mostly with the defense.

Country boy Speaking of Mock, he brings a vastly different personality to the Longhorns' starting QB spot than did Simms. Mock is a Texas good ol' boy who loves to hunt, hates to shave and has been known to have a chew.

Offensive In five seasons under coordinator Greg Davis, the Longhorns have posted five of the school's top six passing seasons, four of its top six total yardage seasons and the top four scoring years in school history.

Two-sport star Running back Cedric Benson again played outfield in the Dodgers' organization this summer. Last year, Brown criticized Benson's summer baseball venture, questioning his football conditioning after an injury-plagued season, but Benson has vowed to be in the best shape of his career when he hits the field this fall.

Giving back When he cashes in at the pro level, receiver Roy Williams plans to rebuild and update the community center in his old neighborhood in Odessa, Texas.

2003 Texas Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

11-2
6-2

Head Coach
Mack Brown

NO.	Name	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
72	Allen, Will	C	6'6"	297	So.	Houston, TX
43	Baker, James	PK	6'0"	200	Jr.	Austin, TX
54	Bates, Trey	G	6'5"	300	Jr.	Missouri City, TX
32	Benson, Cedric	RB	6'0"	205	Jr.	Midland, TX
63	Blalock, Justin	T/G	6'4"	340	Fr.	Plano, TX
45	Boyd, Reed	LB	6'3"	235	Sr.	Garden Ridge, TX
31	Bruce, Dustin	WR	6'0"	185	So.	Magnolia, TX
2	Carter, Brian	WR	5'11"	185	So.	The Woodlands, TX
47	Castruita, Steve	RB	5'10"	180	Sr.	El Paso, TX
48	Crawley, Robert	DB	5'10"	180	So.	Denison, TX
92	Dibbles, Larry	DT	6'4"	280	So.	Lancaster, TX
84	Edwards, Brock	TE	6'5"	250	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
25	Enard, Eric	WR	6'3"	190	So.	Orange, TX
22	Fragoso, Eduardo	RB	5'11"	185	Fr.	El Paso, TX
51	Garcia, Mike	G	6'3"	315	So.	Houston, TX
22	Geiggar, Phillip	S	5'11"	205	Jr.	Shreveport, LA
52	Glynn, Jason	C	6'2"	275	Jr.	Richardson, TX
81	Graham-Chapman, Josh	WR	6'2"	180	Jr.	Mesquite, TX
8	Griffin, Cedric	S/CB	6'2"	190	So.	San Antonio, TX
24	Griffin, LeVon	CB	6'10"	160	Sr.	Palmer, TX
49	Hall, Eric	LB	6'3"	250	So.	Clarksville, TN
23	Haney, Clint	S	5'11"	190	Fr.	Bulverde, TX
35	Hardy, Albert	RB	5'11"	215	Fr.	Houston, TX
2	Harris, Aaron	LB	6'0"	230	So.	Mesquite, TX
61	Holloway, Tillman	G	6'3"	315	Sr.	Basalt, CO
7	Huff, Michael	S/CB	6'1"	190	So.	Irving, TX
99	Jakes, Kaelen	DT/DE	6'5"	260	So.	Valencia, CA
91	Jansen, Tully	DT/DE	6'4"	250	Fr.	Keller, TX
12	Jeffery, Tony	WR	6'2"	175	Jr.	Houston, TX
9	Johnson, Anthony	WR	5'11"	195	So.	Jefferson, TX
82	Johnson, B.J.	WR	6'1"	200	Sr.	Grand Prairie, TX
30	Johnson, Braden	LB	6'1"	200	So.	Eules, TX
11	Johnson, Derrick	LB	6'4"	220	Jr.	Waco, TX
38	Khan, Mohammed	LB	6'0"	220	Jr.	Houston, TX
13	Landin, Taylor	P	6'2"	200	So.	Sugar Land, TX
65	Lee, Stevie	OL	6'4"	310	Jr.	Shreveport, LA
86	Loeffler, Cullen	TE	6'4"	255	Sr.	Ingram, TX
14	Mangum, Dusty	K	5'11"	170	Jr.	Mesquite, TX
94	Martin, Marco	DT	6'4"	310	Fr.	Mesquite, TX
37	Matthews, Will	RB	6'3"	250	Jr.	Austin, TX
4	McCullough, Edorian	CB	5'11"	175	So.	Garland, TX
15	McFarland, Lance	LB	6'3"	235	So.	Jefferson, TX
36	McGee, Richmond	K	6'4"	180	Jr.	Garland, TX
39	Meijer, Karim	DB	5'10"	190	So.	Katy, TX
18	Melton, Matt	S	6'0"	195	Fr.	Flint, TX
13	Miksch, Dustin	WR	6'0"	170	Fr.	Austin, TX

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16	Mitchell, Robert	TE	6'2"	205	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
5	Mock, Chance	QB	6'2"	215	Jr.	The Woodlands, TX
12	Molina, Daniel	DB	5'8"	180	So.	Houston, TX
32	Myers, Marcus	LB	6'3"	220	Fr.	Austin, TX
7	Nordgren, Matt	QB	6'5"	220	So.	Dallas, TX
15	Odunsi, Yomi	WR	6'0"	200	Sr.	Sugar Land, TX
9	Pearson, Dakarai	S	5'10"	185	Sr.	Dayton, TX
57	Perez, Chris	LB	5'8"	180	So.	San Angelo, TX
37	Phillips, Kyle	K	5'11"	190	Fr.	Cypress, TX
98	Pickryl, Brian	DE	6'5"	210	So.	Tulsa, OK
42	Pino, David	K	5'8"	175	So.	Wichita Falls, TX
42	Pittman, Chase	DE	6'5"	265	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
86	Poronsky, Brad	TE	6'7"	275	So.	Air Force Acad., CO
91	Price, Brad	LB	6'2"	215	So.	Copperas Cove, TX
19	Ray, James	DB	5'9"	190	So.	Hewitt, TX
25	Robin, Brett	RB	5'11"	200	Sr.	Austin, TX
39	Robison, Brian	LB	6'3"	240	Fr.	Splendora, TX
56	Satchell, Aurmon	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Denver, CO
8	Scaife, Bo	TE	6'3"	250	Sr.	Denver, CO
53	Schroeder, Nick	DS	6'2"	240	Jr.	The Woodlands, TX
73	Scott, Jonathan	T	6'7"	297	So.	Dallas, TX
41	Sendlein, Austin	DE	6'3"	265	Jr.	Scottsdale, AZ
62	Sendlein, Lyle	C	6'5"	295	Fr.	Scottsdale, AZ
52	Smith, Garnet	LB	6'3"	220	So.	Fort Worth, TX
47	Smith, Justin	P	6'5"	198	Jr.	Midland, TX
88	Stigall, Stevie	LB	6'4"	221	Sr.	Lone Oak, TX
64	Studdard, Kasey	G	6'3"	280	Fr.	Lone Tree, CO
16	Thomas, David	TE	6'3"	220	So.	Wolfforth, TX
1	Thomas, Sloan	WR	6'2"	200	Sr.	Houston, TX
43	Thornton, Kalen	DE	6'3"	270	So.	Dallas, TX
19	Timmons, Robert	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Flower Mound, TX
29	Tran, Jason	DB	5'6"	180	Sr.	Port Jefferson, NY
23	Tsirtsis, Ares	WR	6'0"	185	Sr.	Dallas, TX
95	Tubbs, Marcus	DT	6'4"	305	Sr.	DeSoto, TX
79	Tweedie, Neale	T	6'5"	255	Fr.	Lucas, TX
66	Valdez, Brett	T	6'4"	310	Fr.	Brownwood, TX
10	Van Nguyen, Tien	DB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Rockport, TX
3	Vasher, Nathan	CB	5'11"	180	Sr.	Texarkana, TX
26	Williams, Ivan	RB	6'1"	240	Sr.	Cleveland, TX
6	Williams, Mike	LB	6'4"	225	So.	Lindale, TX
4	Williams, Roy	WR	6'4"	210	Sr.	Odessa, TX
78	Winston, Will	T	6'7"	350	So.	Houston, TX
90	Wright, Rodrigue	DT	6'5"	320	So.	Houston, TX
3	Young, Selvin	RB	6'0"	195	So.	Houston, TX
69	Young, Terrance	G/T	6'6"	350	So.	Longview, TX
10	Young, Vincent	QB	6'5"	220	Fr.	Houston, TX

2003 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Tarell Brown **DB** **6'0"** **180** **Mesquite, TX**
 A first-team Class 5A All-State performer as a senior. Also earned first-team All-America honors from USA Today. Rushed for 1,885 yards and 28 TDs as a senior.

Tim Crowder **DE** **6'4"** **235** **Tyler, TX**
 Recorded 55 tackles and 12 TFLs and nine sacks as a senior. Earned second-team Class 5A All-State honors in 2002.

Scott Derry **LB** **6'3"** **230** **Pearland, TX**
 Awarded District 23-5A Defensive MVP honors in 2002. Recorded 182 tackles, 37 TFLs and five sacks as a senior.

Eric Foreman **ATH** **6'4"** **215** **Corrigan, TX**
 Helped lead Corrigan-Camden High School to a Class 2A Division I State Championship in 2002. Threw for 868 yards and eight TDs while rushing for 1,266 yards and 24 TDs as a dual-threat QB.

Brandon Foster **DB** **5'9"** **170** **Arlington, TX**
 A two-year starter at CB who also saw action at RB. Tallied 42 tackles and four INTs as a senior. Received all-district honors in 2002.

Tyrell Gatewood **WR** **6'2"** **190** **Tyler, TX**
 Rated the No. 17 WR in the country by *Rivals.com*. Ran for 657 yards and eight TDs as a senior QB. Also recorded 46 tackles and three INTs in 2002.

Dallas Griffin **OL** **6'4"** **275** **Katy, TX**
 A three-year starter who received All-Greater Houston mention as a senior. Allowed just one sack in 2002. Won the state Class 5A discus championship and finished third in the shot put.

Michael Griffin **DB** **6'0"** **180** **Austin, TX**
 Ranked the No. 9 CB in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Named District 25-5A Offensive MVP in 2002. Rushed for 1,181 yards and 11 TDs as a senior.

Erik Hardeman **RB** **6'1"** **220** **Pflugerville, TX**
 Earned first-team All-Centex as a senior. Rushed for 1,432 yards and 23 TDs while catching 17 passes for 310 yards and six TDs in 2002. Rated the No. 11 RB in the nation by *Rivals.com*.

Tony Hills Jr. **TE** **6'5"** **260** **Houston, TX**
 Rated the No. 1 TE in the country by *Rivals.com*. Named to the Parade All-America squad in 2002. Caught 15 passes for 275 yards as a senior.

Steve Hogan **TE** **6'5"** **240** **Sugar Land, TX**
 Ranked the No. 21 TE in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Tallied 105 tackles during his career. A third generation Longhorn. Father Pat Hogan and grandfather Ray Bourneman lettered at UT.

Erick Jackson **DB** **6'2"** **175** **Cedar Hill, TX**
 Recorded 58 tackles and four INTs as a senior. Rated the No. 9 safety in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Also ran track as a prep.

Robert Killebrew **LB** **6'2"** **210** **Spring, TX**
 Ranked the No. 8 OLB in the nation by *Rivals.com*. A two-time District MVP. Recorded 144 tackles, 18 TFLs and nine sacks as a senior. Played in the U.S. Army All-American game in 2003.

Thomas Marshall **L** **6'5"** **310** **Dallas, TX**
 A two-time, two-way Class 5A All-State performer. Recorded 107 tackles and five sacks as a senior. Rated the No. 35 DT in the country by *Rivals.com*.

Billy Pittman **WR** **6'0"** **180** **Cameron, TX**
 Four-year starter at QB who accounted for 7,090 yards and 66 TDs during prep career. Earned District 18-3A MVP honors as a senior. Rated the No. 13 ATH in the country by *Rivals.com*.

Steve Richardson **DB** **5'10"** **180** **Garland, TX**
 Named District 12-5A Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. Recorded 85 tackles and four INTs in 2002. Rated the No. 10 ATH in the nation by *Rivals.com*.

Limas Sweed **WR** **6'5"** **205** **Washington, TX**
 Earned second-team Class 4A All-State honors as a senior. Caught 38 passes for 796 yards and 12 TDs in 2002. Ranked the No. 13 WR in the nation by *Rivals.com*.

Kyle Thornton **L** **6'4"** **320** **Dallas, TX**
 A three-year starter at OT. Won the conference shot put and discus title. Brother Kalen Thornton is a senior DE for UT. Father Bruce Thornton played for Dallas and St. Louis in the NFL.

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

FL	82	B.J. Johnson (Sr.)	12	Tony Jeffery (Jr.)
SE	4	Roy Williams (Sr.)	1	Sloan Thomas (Sr.)
LT	73	Jonathan Scott (Sr.)	69	Terrance Young (So.)
LG	61	Tillman Holloway (So.)	65	Stevie Lee (Jr.)
C	52	Jason Glynn (Jr.)	72	Will Allen (So.)
RG	51	Mike Garcia (So.)	54	Trey Bates (Jr.)
RT	63	Justin Blalock (Fr.)	78	Will Winston (So.)
TE	16	David Thomas (So.)	84	Brock Edwards (Sr.)
QB	5	Chance Mock (Jr.)	10	Vincent Young (Fr.)
TB	32	Cedric Benson (Jr.)	3	Selvin Young (So.)
FB	26	Ivan Williams (Sr.)	49	Eric Hall (So.)

Defense (7)

DE	98	Bryan Pickryl (So.)	41	Austin Sendlein (Jr.)
DT	95	Marcus Tubbs (Sr.)	91	Tully Jansen (Fr.)
DT	90	Rodrique Wright (So.)	92	Larry Dibbles (So.)
DE	43	Kalen Thornton (Sr.)	42	Chase Pittman (Fr.)
SLB	45	Reed Boyd (Sr.)	39	Brian Robison (Fr.)
MLB	52	Garnet Smith (So.)	2	Aaron Harris (So.)
WLB	11	Derrick Johnson (Jr.)	32	Marcus Myers (Fr.)
CB	3	Nathan Vasher (Sr.)	4	Edorian McCullough (So.)
CB	8	Cedric Griffin (So.)	4	Edorian McCullough (So.)
SS	7	Michael Huff (So.)	22	Phillip Geiggar (Jr.)
FS	9	Dakarai Pearson (Sr.)	18	Matt Melton (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	14	Dusty Mangum (Jr.)
P	13	Taylor Landin (So.)
KR	3	Selvin Young (So.)
PR	3	Nathan Vasher (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
 BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Chance Mock, 5-8-44-0, 0 TDs
Rushing: Cedric Benson, 305 car., 1,293 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving: Roy Williams, 64 rec., 1,142 yds., 12 TDs
Scoring: Dusty Mangum, 16 FGs, 54 XPs, 102 points
Punting: Justin Smith, 2 punts, 38.5 avg.
Kicking: Dusty Mangum, 16-26 FGs, 54-54 XPs, 102 points
Tackles: Reed Boyd, 123, 58 solo
Tackles for loss: Rodrigue Wright, 13 for 42 yds.
Sacks: Bryan Pickryl, 4.5, Rodrigue Wright, 4.5
Interceptions: Dakarai Pearson, 6 for 88 yds.
Kickoff returns: Selvin Young, 12 ret., 23.8 avg.
Punt returns: Nathan Vasher, 26 ret., 14.2 avg.

2002 Results

A.	31	North Texas	W	27-0
S.	14	at North Carolina	W	52-21
S.	21	Houston	W	41-11
S.	28	at Tulane	W	49-0
O.	5	Oklahoma State	W	17-15
O.	12	at Oklahoma	L	24-35
O.	19	at Kansas State	W	17-14
O.	26	Iowa State	W	21-10
N.	2	at Nebraska	W	27-24
N.	9	Baylor	W	41-0
N.	16	at Texas Tech	L	38-42
N.	29	Texas A&M	W	50-20
J.	1	#LSU	W	35-20

#Cotton Bowl

HOT COACH

THE PROS & CONS

Let's start with a question. How many coaches would you rather have running your program than Mack Brown? If your answer is greater than the number of fingers on one hand, you probably don't know much about college football. Brown is among the elite coaches in the game because he gets the job done — on and off the field.

Where is the national championship, you ask? Hey, there's only one of those available each year, and its winner is determined as much by dumb luck as by great coaching.

It would be senseless to use national championships as a measuring stick to determine a coach's value. If that were the case, there would be just a handful of capable coaches out there.

Brown is not only capable; he's one of the best.

For every two-year wonder like Bob Stoops and Jim Tressel, whom fate propitiously smiled upon with positions at powerhouses hoarding national title talent, there is a Bobby Bowden (28 years and 259 victories) and a Tom Osborne (25 years and 255 victories), for whom it took more than two decades to win a national crown.

This year, Brown enters his 20th season as a head coach. Forget the four years he spent at Appalachian State and Tulane — a national championship can't be won there. You can also dismiss his first few seasons at North Carolina, as it took him time to upgrade the Tar Heels' talent — he went 1–10 in each of his first two seasons — and it's not like there is a history of championships in Chapel Hill.

Had he stayed at North Carolina, it's conceivable that Brown would have a national championship by now, but after building a national power with back-to-back 10-win seasons and Top 10 finishes, Brown took a Texas program 15 years removed from its glory days and rapidly returned it to prominence.

In the dozen years before Brown, Texas had lost at least five games nine times, posting five losing seasons and one 5–5–1 campaign.

It took Brown just one season — a 9–3 year in 1998, highlighted by Ricky Williams' run to the Heisman Trophy — to put UT back on the map. Life on the Forty Acres has only gotten better since. Texas has finished in the Top 10 in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1977–78.

No coach in school history, not even Darrell Royal, ever won at least nine games in five straight seasons or 11 games in back-to-back years, as Brown has done.

In fact, no coach in the country can match Brown's active streak of nine-win seasons (seven). That's consistency.

Since 1990 — his first winning campaign at North Carolina — Brown has won 116 games. Only Bowden (137) has won more, and Bowden is also the only coach who tops Brown's current runs of 13 consecutive winning seasons and 11 straight bowl appearances.

Unassuming as he is, Brown has never touted himself as a genius; hence few think of him as such. But after 11 seasons as an offensive assistant and 19 years as a head coach, you would think he might know a little about the game. The numbers say so.

How many coaches have fielded a 2,000-yard rusher and passer, and a 1,000-yard receiver in the same season? Two — Brown and USC's John Robinson.

It's no accident that five seasons into his tenure, Brown's players hold

UT's single season records for rushing yards, passing yards and receiving yards. Pretty impressive for a coach who supposedly can find the groceries, but can't cook.

Speaking of grocery shopping, what's with this "Mr. February" tag? If you can't recruit, you can't win — period. Being one of the top recruiters in the country is considered a negative? How ridiculous is that, considering it is one of the more significant aspects of a college coach's job?

As is community relations. Present a hand, Brown will shake it. Ask for his presence at a charity function, and Brown will be there and be personable. You can't find a better representative for your university.

UT attendance records continue to topple as the school searches for seats for the masses enthused by Brown's infusion of optimism. Season tickets sales are up nearly 23,000 since Brown's arrival, and the Longhorns are riding a four-year run of sellouts.

The money is coming in so fast and in such abundance that despite being one of the highest-paid coaches in the game, Brown is probably



Road to first National Title:

Tom Osborne: 25 years, 255 wins

Bobby Bowden: 28 years, 259 wins

underpaid. Few CEOs can match his profit margin.

And Brown has done it the right way. His most oft-repeated line is, "We want to win championships with nice kids who graduate."

He will not let his assistants lose sight of that goal. With so much at stake, many coaches will readily turn their back on character issues and completely ignore the responsibility to educate. Not Brown.

No scandals, no tutors writing term papers or taking exams, no NCAA violations. He runs a clean program.

Brown's long list of accomplishments will be significant even if he leaves the game without a national championship trophy.

But that won't happen. Mack Brown is a winner, and one day he will win a national championship. On that day, he will be known as an excellent football coach with a national title to his credit.

Until then, he's just an excellent football coach.

HOT SEAT

OF THE MACK BROWN ERA

You don't need night vision goggles to see the oversized monkey — or Longhorn, if you prefer — on Mack Brown's back. Take your pick, because there's no ring on either the monkey's finger or the Horn's hoof.

(Hey, there was no ring put on the hoof of North Carolina's Ram mascot during Brown's 10 seasons there, either.)

Just win, baby? How about just win anything, baby?

What has the Texas football coach ever won? Nineteen years as a head coach, and not even a conference championship to brag about.

Mythical recruiting titles in February may garner media attention and fuel alumni excitement, but football is played on the field in the fall, not at the fax machine in late winter.

Brown's memorable victory celebrations involve him proudly holding up letters-of-intent from would-be studs. The country's better coaches drip with Gatorade as they hold up conference championship trophies, Bowl Championship Series game trophies or — dare we say it — the national championship trophy.

Brown says if his teams are good every year (he calls it being in the right neighborhood), he will eventually win it all. Sounds like he expects Ed McMahon to knock on the door with an all-expenses-paid trip to the national championship game.

Brown believes only one of his teams should have won a conference title, because all the others were not favored to do so.

Huh? Has the NCAA implemented a rule against underdogs winning championships?

You would figure that a guy who has brought in as much talent as Brown has since his first winning season at North Carolina in 1990 would put together one magical run to a conference championship.

Therein lies the key: a coach has to put the pieces together to fashion a special season.

Brown hasn't shown the ability to do so.

Every coach can't revolutionize the game, but opposing coaches will tell you that Brown is no heavyweight champion of X's and O's. And he is a questionable motivator, as his teams are often soft, particularly in big games.

The UT ministers of information, who produce a media guide that makes War and Peace look like a leaflet, inform that Brown is the only coach in the country to win at least nine games in each of the past seven years.

By comparison, Oklahoma's Bob Stoops has a measly three-year streak of nine or more wins. Oh, did we mention, that Stoops has actually won at least 10 games three years in a row, and he has a national championship, two Big 12 crowns and a three-game winning streak over Brown's boys?

Brown has taken teams to 11 straight bowl games. Only Florida State's Bobby Bowden (21) and Tennessee's Phil Fulmer (11) can match that. Now, of the three, which one doesn't have a national championship or a slew of meaningful bowl games on his record?

Last year's Texas media guide began its eight-page Brown-worshipping section with the words: "Mack Brown's remarkable record as a head coach ..." Can't argue that. Webster's defines remarkable as, "worthy of being noticed; unusual."

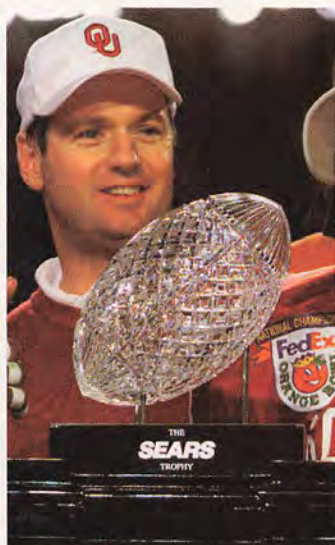
Without question, Brown's record is worthy of being noticed, as often his teams play well enough to earn a smidgen of their publicity. And it is unusual in that no coach in the country has put together such sterling

marks without a ring to show for it.

Kansas State's Bill Snyder, who has been lauded for turning a putrid program into a national title contender, has gone bowling 10 consecutive times, and like Brown hasn't won a conference championship.

Of course, you never see Snyder's Wildcats listed among the top recruiting classes in the country and you don't often see Snyder's players' names being called in the first hour of the NFL Draft. No, because Snyder has done an excellent job of getting his team into the hunt despite the obstacles. It's called overachieving.

Brown, on the other hand, has all the advantages of a beautiful campus, bountiful alumni coffers, rich recruiting territory and a storied tradition.



Bob Stoops celebrated a national title in 2000. Brown celebrated a Holiday Bowl win the next season.

His teams underachieve.

If Brown had managed to get any of his highly rated squads to play above its ability he would, at the very least, have a conference championship.

While at North Carolina, Brown never beat Florida State. His Texas teams have been knocked off twice in the Big 12 Championship Game, and as mentioned above, are three-time losers to Oklahoma.

Not only does Brown fall short against good teams when there is something riding on the outcome, he can't beat all the average teams in similar situations. Twice Texas has come up short at Texas Tech when a victory would have meant a trip to the Big 12 Championship Game.

You don't see Tech listed among the nation's elite in February (signing day) or April (NFL draft), do you?

OK, Brown took Texas to Lincoln and beat Nebraska twice (1998 and 2002), but those were the two worst Nebraska teams in the last 35 years.

Mack Brown is a fine man and a decent human being — he probably won't be caught rubbing on some hottie at a topless bar. But since he is just an average football coach, he probably won't be caught rubbing on the national championship trophy anytime soon, either.

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Big 12 South Prediction: 4th

National Forecast: #31

As they left the field for the final time under R.C. Slocum late last November in Austin, Texas A&M players and coaches were treated to a chorus of "Poor Aggies" from Texas fans celebrating the Horns' lopsided win. Following an off-season filled with coaching changes and key player departures, the Aggies realize that sentiment may still exist as they prepare for 2003.

"People will look at our record last year (6-6 overall, 3-5 Big 12), see the big-name people we lost and see we have a new coaching staff," says A&M safety Jaxson Appel. "I'm sure they'll look at all we lost and assume it could be a long year for us. But I have to say that while we've lost a lot, we've found something more important."

In the course of a vigorous off-season and a lively spring, the Aggies believe they have found a new focus and a heightened intensity level under new head coach Dennis Franchione. The 2003 road schedule is brutal and the personnel concerns are numerous, but it's not out of the realm of possibility that Fran's first season in Aggieland could be as eye-opening to A&M's opponents as his first off-season was to the Aggie players.

quarterbacks

One of the only highlights of 2002 for the Aggies was the stunning upset of

then-No. 1 Oklahoma. The win was orchestrated by Reggie McNeal, the elusive playmaker with the big arm and the quick feet.

McNeal possesses remarkable skills in the pocket and on the run, but his thin frame is a concern. A week after the upset of OU, he was injured early against Missouri and did not play against Texas. He's still a work in progress in terms of his decision-making, and he still must prove he can stand up to the rigors of a Big 12 season.

With or without McNeal, the Aggies' passing game should be productive, as Dustin Long returns for his junior season. Long, who started nine games last season, passed for 2,509 yards, the second-highest single-season total in school history.

running backs

To many, it seems like only yesterday that A&M was a grind-it-out, ball-control offense that relied predominantly on its strong running game. But it's been quite a while since the Aggies have run the ball well; they have failed to average better than 3.8 yards per carry for five straight seasons.

Franchione has said he will focus on a more balanced attack, but only time will tell if A&M actually has the personnel to make that happen. Junior Derek Farmer is an adequate tailback, combining good speed and tremendous power. But Farmer

often appears to seek contact instead of avoiding it, and he has been hampered by several injuries in his first two seasons.

The Aggies' tailback of the future — and possibly of the present — is redshirt freshman Courtney Lewis. He shined in the spring and will make a strong push for significant playing time this fall.

Former quarterback Jason Carter proved to be a good fit into the new A-Back position. Carter will be used all over the field — in the backfield, in the slot and out wide.

receivers

While the Aggies may not possess enough playmakers at running back, there is no shortage of prime-time players at receiver. Even with the departure of Bethel Johnson and Greg Porter, A&M is loaded with big-play specialists.

The Aggies return two of the Big 12's best receivers in senior Jamaar Taylor and junior Terrence Murphy. Taylor is a go-to target, catching 44 passes for a team-high 17.3 yards per reception last year. Murphy was slowed early last season by a broken thumb, but he still managed to catch 36 passes for 599 yards.

Junior Terrence Thomas has also proven to be a solid receiver in his first two seasons, and the Aggies possess some outstanding younger prospects. At 6'2" and



Layne Murdoch

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Top 25 Finish

Texas A&M must find replacements for several key defensive starters, including standouts Ty Warren, Sammy Davis and Terrence Kiel. But with a long list of promising youngsters stepping into new roles, the new-look Wrecking Crew should be up to its old standards. Perhaps the biggest key for the Aggies is to find more balance on offense. With the return of quarterbacks Reggie McNeal and Dustin Long and a star-studded stable of receivers, A&M should have plenty of passing firepower. But A&M must become a better running team to get back into the final Top 25 for the first time since 1999. The Aggies have not produced a 1,000-yard rusher since 1998 and have not been physical enough up front. Protecting the home field and finding a way to win in Lubbock for the first time since 1993 could also make Dennis Franchione's first year in Aggieland one to remember.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Arkansas State	W
S. 6	Utah	W
S. 18	at Virginia Tech	L
S. 27	Pittsburgh	L
O. 4	at Texas Tech	*
O. 11	Baylor	W
O. 18	at Nebraska	*
O. 25	Oklahoma State	*
N. 1	Kansas	W
N. 8	at Oklahoma	L
N. 15	at Missouri	*
N. 28	Texas	L

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Jamaar Taylor: 44 catches for 760 yards in 2002

Layne Murdoch



Derek Farmer



Layne Murdoch

Byron Jones

223 pounds, sophomore L'Tydrick Riley is a huge target, and he is also an outstanding athlete. Sophomore Anthony Wright (6'2", 207) is another big target who was versatile enough last year to play defensive back, wide receiver and special teams as a true freshman.

At tight end, however, the Aggies are rather thin and extremely unproven. Junior Thomas Carriger is a solid blocker, but he caught only two passes last season and missed spring practices following shoulder surgery.

155 New A&M coach Dennis Franchione has 155 career victories, placing him seventh among active Division I-A coaches.

offensive linemen

With four regulars back, the Aggies' offensive line could be better in 2003. Of course, the offensive line hasn't been that impressive since A&M won the Big 12 title in 1998.

Depth is a major concern up front, and while Franchione's off-season program has apparently made the Aggies stronger, the offensive line is not likely to be mistaken for overpowering.

One of the returning starters, Andre Brooks, was moved from tackle to guard in the spring, but he was beaten out by senior John Kirk. Jami Hightower is back at left tackle, and Alan Reuber will step in at right tackle on a full-time basis. Junior Geoff Hangartner will once again get the start at center.

defensive linemen

New defensive coordinator Carl Torbush says he loves the "Wrecking Crew" moniker he inherits. But it will feature a different look. For the most part, the Aggies have utilized the 3-4 defense since Jackie Sherrill first arrived in the early 1980s. With Fran's arrival, however, the Aggies will go to the 4-3.

That will put an emphasis on finding more linemen, which is something Franchione began addressing last February by signing five defensive linemen. At least one of those linemen — probably junior college transfer Mike Montgomery — could figure into the rotation right away.

Even with the loss of star end Ty Warren, the Aggies' first-team line appears to be solid. Tackles Marcus Jas-

min and Johnny Jolly are both big run-stoppers in the middle, while Linnis Smith and David Ross form athletic bookends. Jasmin and Smith, in particular, could be honors candidates. The problem for A&M is finding enough depth to endure the Big 12 grind.

linebackers

Despite losing three of four starters from last year, Linebacker U should be as good as new in 2003. Perhaps even better. A&M will replace some crafty veterans like Brian Gamble with more athletic youngsters such as Randall Webb and Archie McDaniel.

Senior Jared Morris is back in the middle of the Aggies' new 4-3 alignment, but with speed as an emphasis, Webb, McDaniel, Everett Smith and Nurahda Manning should form an impressive rotation.

"I don't want to take anything away from those guys last year, but I expect us to be better this year at linebacker," says Webb, who produced 61 tackles, including 13 for a loss and seven sacks in 2002. "I know we will be flying to the football."

defensive backs

Appel emerged last season as the leader of the A&M secondary and one of the top play-

RIISING STARS

The Aggies have a long tradition of producing fast, physical linebackers. Former high school teammates **Archie McDaniel** and **Nurahda Manning** fit that mold perfectly. McDaniel played sparingly last year, while Manning was a partial qualifier. But both sophomores should play major roles in 2003.

makers on the roster. The hard-hitting free safety accounted for 73 tackles and tied cornerback Byron Jones for the team high with four interceptions. The return of both Appel and Jones gives the Aggies some playmaking experience in the secondary. But the defensive backfield, as a whole, remains a concern.

Jones must be more consistent. While he has a knack for making big plays, he also has allowed his fair share of lengthy, back-breaking plays. The other cornerback, Sean Weston, also has been prone to allowing long pass completions on his side. Strong safety Keelan Jackson is a physical force and a punishing tackler, but A&M doesn't have much proven depth behind him or at the other positions in the secondary.

specialists

The Aggies return one of the nation's best and most physical punters in senior Cody Scates, who averaged 43.7 yards per punt last season. The strong-legged Scates, who also handles kickoff duties, is also a terrific open-field tackler. The big concern for A&M remains at placekicker. Sophomore Todd Pegram had an inconsistent debut, hitting just 12-of-21 field goal attempts last season.

Outside the Huddle

Spring fever The Aggies' spring game attracted a crowd in excess of 41,000 to Kyle Field. The crowd at the 2002 spring game was estimated at around 10,000.

Last stop Franchione has said repeatedly that he hopes Texas A&M is his last coaching stop. His wife, Kim, has been a little more pointed. "We're building a house, and she told me that this is her pine box house," Fran says. "I said, 'I don't understand. What are you talking about?' She said, 'The only way I'm leaving is in a pine box.' So, I think the law has been laid down."

Familiar faces While A&M has a completely new coaching staff, the staff isn't new to each other. Franchione brought his entire staff from Alabama when he was hired at A&M. And offensive coordinator Les Koenning Jr. was the receivers coach at A&M from 1994-96.

Paper or plastic Despite the disappointments of last year, the Aggies led the Big 12 in 2002 with 41 sacks. The scheme may be different, but expect more of the same in 2003. "(Defensive coordinator) Carl Torbush doesn't like to blitz until he gets off the bus," Franchione joked.

Mediocre trend In the 1990s, A&M won four conference titles (three SWC, one Big 12) and had an overall conference record of 60-14-2. The new millennium has been much less kind to the Aggies, who are 12-12 in conference games since 2000.

2003 Texas A&M Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
51	Adams, Beau	LB	5'11"	211	Fr.	Tomball, TX
19	Appel, Jaxson	DB	5'10"	196	So.	Friendswood, TX
60	Barrett, Mason	OL	6'5"	310	Jr.	Alabaster, AL
86	Born, Jacob	WR	6'2"	206	Fr.	Grapevine, TX
13	Branyon, Ty	QB	6'3"	197	Fr.	Austin, TX
65	Brooks, André	OL	6'4"	304	Sr.	Richwood, TX
3	Brooks, Trey	DB	5'8"	161	So.	Georgetown, TX
26	Buhl, Jonté	DB	5'10"	169	Jr.	Pflugerville, TX
98	Carriger, Thomas	TE	6'4"	265	Jr.	Skidmore, TX
7	Carter, Jason	AB	6'0"	197	Jr.	Caldwell, TX
78	Cheshier, Kasey	OL	6'5"	284	Jr.	Duncanville, TX
23	Colter, Dustin	RB	5'11"	225	Fr.	Crockett, TX
39	Crutchfield, Eric	DB	6'1"	201	Jr.	Galena Park, TX
76	De La Garza, Aldo	OL	6'3"	317	So.	New Braunfels, TX
24	De La Vina, John	DB	6'0"	181	Fr.	Edinburg, TX
4	Douglas, Justin	WR	6'0"	169	Fr.	Santa Fe, TX
61	Eardley, Ryan	DL	6'3"	265	So.	Harwood, TX
8	Engle, Nick	DB	5'8"	181	So.	Abilene, TX
1	Farmer, Derek	RB	5'11"	202	Jr.	Tyler, TX
77	Flanagan, Brandon	OL	6'5"	314	Fr.	Haughton, LA
82	Fleming, Patrick	TE	6'4"	278	So.	Colleyville, TX
32	Flemming, Oscholor	RB	5'10"	209	Sr.	Denton, TX
47	Flood, Kelvin	LB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Dallas, TX
87	Germany, Quinlin	TE	6'2"	269	Fr.	Ft. Worth, TX
92	Gibson, Shane	DL	6'0"	287	So.	Dayton, TX
66	Hangartner, Geoff	OL	6'5"	300	Jr.	New Braunfels, TX
75	Hightower, Jami	OL	6'4"	327	Jr.	Jacksonville, TX
71	Holman, Quentin	OL	6'1"	327	So.	Jacksonville, TX
90	Hooper, Lawrence	DL	6'4"	281	So.	Aldine, TX
33	Jackson, Keelan	DB	6'1"	219	Jr.	Garland, TX
91	Jasmin, Marcus	DL	6'5"	318	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
56	Johnson, Brandon	DL	6'1"	244	Jr.	Bryan, TX
60	Jolly, Johnny	DL	6'3"	287	So.	Houston, TX
11	Jones, Byron	DB	5'10"	178	Jr.	Bay City, TX
23	Jones, Ronald	DB	5'10"	179	So.	Dallas, TX
34	Joseph, Keith	RB	6'2"	241	Jr.	Houston, TX
58	Kendrick, Blake	LB	6'1"	217	Jr.	Willis, TX
50	Kirk, John	OL	6'4"	295	Sr.	Athens, TX
68	Kirk, John R.	OL	6'3"	318	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX
67	Kotzur, Alex	OL	6'4"	284	Fr.	Houston, TX
44	Lamantia, Michael	LB	6'0"	207	Jr.	Mission, TX
10	Larsen, Matt	DB	6'0"	203	So.	Addison, TX
7	Leahy, Larry	OL	6'4"	282	Fr.	Yoakum, TX
21	Leone, Brandon	DB	6'0"	204	Fr.	Conroe, TX
25	Lewis, Courtney	RB	5'10"	187	Fr.	Houston, TX
54	Lightsey, Wade	LB	6'0"	227	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
18	Long, Dustin	QB	6'3"	205	Jr.	Port Neches, TX
61	Lubojasky, Heath	LS	6'0"	219	Fr.	San Diego, CA
40	Mangum, Kevin	DB	5'11"	191	Jr.	LaMarque, TX

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
49	Manning, Nurahda	LB	6'2"	230	So.	Bay City, TX
28	Martin, Il Peter	WR	5'11"	185	So.	Giddings, TX
89	Massey, Haven	TE	6'2"	220	Jr.	Denton, TX
46	Matakas, Andy	LB	6'2"	240	Fr.	Corpus Christi, TX
37	Mays, Will	RB	6'0"	181	Sr.	Coleman, TX
41	McDaniel, Archie	LB	6'2"	227	So.	Bay City, TX
16	McNeal, Reggie	QB	6'2"	191	So.	Lufkin, TX
54	Milkavich, James	OL	6'2"	274	Sr.	Alief, TX
45	Morris, Jared	LB	6'3"	256	Sr.	Brownwood, TX
69	Muhlback, Don	LS	6'4"	255	Sr.	Lufkin, TX
5	Murphy, Terrence	WR	6'1"	191	Jr.	Tyler, TX
29	Neumann, Layne	K	5'11"	171	Fr.	Hondo, TX
57	Okpechi, Isaac	OL	6'1"	304	Fr.	Irving, TX
93	Parks, Julian	DL	6'1"	356	Fr.	Lufkin, TX
59	Patrick, Brian	DL	6'5"	293	So.	Pasadena, TX
13	Pegram, Todd	K	5'11"	190	So.	Plano, TX
63	Perry, Thomas	RB	6'1"	234	Sr.	Tyler, TX
63	Pond, John	OL	6'5"	322	Fr.	Abilene, TX
46	Ramsey, Luke	RB	5'10"	209	Fr.	Harlingen, TX
22	Ray, John	DB	6'1"	196	Fr.	Giddings, TX
35	Reed, Bryce	FB	6'0"	262	Fr.	Dallas, TX
73	Reuber, Alan	OL	6'7"	310	Sr.	Plano, TX
30	Rhodes, Nick	WR	6'1"	202	Fr.	Brownwood, TX
80	Riley, L'Tydrick	WR	6'2"	223	So.	Crockett, TX
8	Roberson, John	WR	5'8"	174	So.	Bay City, TX
99	Ross, David	DL	6'2"	270	So.	Forney, TX
20	Scates, Cody	P	6'1"	201	Sr.	Tyler, TX
36	Schroeder, Chad	WR	6'1"	176	Fr.	Austin, TX
85	Schuster, Taylor	TE	6'5"	260	Fr.	Mission, TX
6	Singleton, Bryant	DB	5'11"	187	So.	Galveston, TX
42	Smith, Everett	LB	6'2"	216	Sr.	Compton, CA
88	Smith, Linnis	DL	6'4"	288	Sr.	Tyler, TX
83	Squillante, Anthony	DB	6'0"	207	Jr.	Southlake, TX
74	Steamer, Dominique	OL	6'4"	315	So.	Temple, TX
97	Stickane, Scott	LB	6'0"	234	Sr.	Trophy Club, TX
96	Stringer, Donny	DL	6'5"	288	So.	Garland, TX
2	Taylor, Jamaar	WR	6'1"	194	Sr.	Mission, TX
3	Thomas, Terrence	WR	5'9"	180	Jr.	Houston, TX
95	Thornton, Marques	DL	6'1"	274	Fr.	Houston, TX
83	Van Zant, Tim	WR	6'1"	195	Sr.	Victoria, TX
95	Warren, Chris	TE	6'3"	231	Jr.	Magnolia, TX
55	Webb, Randall	LB	6'3"	224	Jr.	Mesquite, TX
31	Weston, Sean	DB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Inglewood, CA
96	White, Ryan	TE	6'4"	239	So.	Austin, TX
52	Woods, Fredrick	LB	6'3"	208	So.	Houston, TX
84	Woods, Jesse	WR	6'4"	224	So.	Katy, TX
53	Wooldridge, Toron	LB	6'0"	224	Sr.	Houston, TX
15	Wright, Anthony	WR	6'2"	207	So.	Houston, TX
30	Young, Jacob	P/K	6'0"	196	Jr.	Fairfield, TX

2002 Record: 6-6
Big 12 Record: 3-5
Head Coach: Dennis Franchione

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Jerrie Adams	OL	6'7"	275	Jasper, TX
Rated the No. 1 OT in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Earned first-team All-America honors by <i>USA Today</i> . Did not allow a sack in his final two seasons as a prep.				
Chris Alexander	FB	5'11"	230	Humble, TX
Ranked the No. 6 FB in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Rushed for 1,417 yards and 26 TDs as a senior. A two-year starter at Humble HS.				
Derrick Brown	RB	5'11"	195	Spring, TX
Rushed for 1,723 yards and 17 TDs as a senior. A member of the <i>Fort Worth Star-Telegram</i> Top 100 list in 2002.				
Japhus Brown	DB	6'1"	175	Edna, TX
Earned all-district and all-state mention as a senior. Rushed for 1,660 yards and 28 TDs in 2002.				
Joseph Bryant	DL	6'5"	300	Jasper, TX
A first-team Class 3A All-State pick by the Texas Sports Writers Association. Rated the No. 40 DT in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Melvin Bullitt	DB	6'0"	176	Garland, TX
Recorded 78 tackles and three INTs as a senior. Father Jerry Bullitt and uncle Steve Bullitt both lettered at A&M.				
Corey Clark	OL	6'6"	305	Spring Branch, TX
Rated the No. 8 center in the nation according to <i>Rivals.com</i> . Earned all-district, all-area and all-state mention as a senior.				
Kirk Elder	OL	6'4"	295	Klein, TX
Named to the <i>Houston Chronicle</i> Top 100 list. Rated the No. 22 OG in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Chris Harrington	DL	6'4"	252	Houston, TX
Listed among the Top 70 recruits in the state by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Named Private School Player of the Year in 2002.				
Stephen Hodge	DB	6'1"	190	Richardson, TX
Earned District 9-5A MVP honors as a senior. Also named the <i>Dallas Morning News</i> Defensive MVP. Rated the No. 17 CB in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Jason Jack	OL	6'3"	280	Humble, TX
A second-team <i>USA Today</i> All-America pick. Rated among the Top 100 prospects in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Recorded 12 sacks and 17 QB pressures as a senior.				
Charlie Jefferson	DB	6'2"	190	Denton, TX
A first-team all-district and all-area performer in 2002. Set a school record with nine INTs last season.				
John Kelly	RB	5'9"	180	Garland, TX
Rushed for 1,354 yards and 19 TDs as a senior. Listed on the <i>Houston Chronicle</i> Top 100 list.				
Erik Mayes	DB	5'10"	175	Humble, TX
Rated among the Top 30 prospects in the Southwest Region by Tom Lemming. Named District 22-5A MVP as a senior.				
Lamar Mitchell	LB	6'1"	235	Dayton, TX
Rated the No. 9 ILB in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . A second-team all-state performer by the Texas Sports Writers Association.				
Mike Montgomery	DL	6'6"	275	Tenaha, TX
Earned All-America honors at Navarro (TX) JC as a sophomore. Recorded 56 tackles and five sacks in 2002.				
Broderick Newton	DB	6'0"	175	Fort Worth, TX
Combined for over 2,500 all-purpose yards and 34 TDs as a dual-threat QB. A three-time first-team all-area selection by the <i>Fort Worth Star-Telegram</i> .				
Tate Pittman	DL	6'6"	278	Odessa, TX
Rated the No. 30 DT in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Rated on the <i>Austin American-Statesman</i> Feb 55 list.				
Earvin Taylor	WR	6'3"	190	Mission, TX
Earned first-team all-state honors from the <i>Associated Press</i> . Caught 81 passes for 1,489 yards and 19 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 36 WR in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
Joey Thomas	TE	6'6"	225	Austin, TX
Ranked the No. 12 TE in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Caught 44 passes for 542 yards and six TDs as a senior.				
Ta Ta Thompson	LB	6'4"	245	Garland, TX
Played five different positions at Garland High School. Rated the No. 17 DLB in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Recorded 74 tackles and eight sacks as a senior.				
Cody Wallace	OL	6'4"	295	Cuero, TX
Rated No. 42 on the Texas Top 100 list by <i>Rivals.com</i> . A first-team all-state selection by the Texas Sports Writers Association.				
Justin Warren	LB	6'3"	220	Tyler, TX
A Parade All-America pick in 2002. Rated the No. 1 DLB in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Recorded 108 tackles and 23 sacks as a senior. Named Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year in 2002.				
Chris Yoder	OL	6'3"	280	Houston, TX
Rated the No. 1 center in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . A first-team All-Greater Houston honoree in 2002.				

Depth Chart

Offense (8)

WR	5	Terrence Murphy (Jr.)	15	Anthony Wright (So.)
WR	2	Jamaar Taylor (Sr.)	8	John Roberson (So.)
SL*	3	Terrence Thomas (Jr.)	80	L'Tydrick Riley (So.)
LT	75	Jami Hightower (Jr.)	74	Dominique Steamer (So.)
LG	50	John Kirk (Sr.)	65	Andre Brooks (Sr.)
C	66	Geoff Hangartner (Jr.)	54	James Milkavich (Sr.)
RG	76	Aldo De La Garza (So.)	71	Quentin Holman (So.)
RT	73	Alan Reuber (Sr.)	67	Alex Kotzur (Fr.)
TE	98	Thomas Carriger (Jr.)	96	Ryan White (So.)
QB	16	Reggie McNeal (So.)	18	Dustin Long (Jr.)
FB	34	Keith Joseph (Jr.)	40	Thomas Perry (Sr.)
TB	1	Derek Farmer (Jr.)	25	Courtney Lewis (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE	99	David Ross (Fr.)	95	Marques Thornton (Fr.)
DT	60	Johnny Jolly (So.)	93	Julian Parks (Fr.)
DE	91	Marcus Jasmin (Jr.)	59	Brian Patrick (So.)
DT	88	Linnis Smith (Sr.)	90	Lawrence Hooper (So.)
SLB	42	Everett Smith (Sr.)	41	Archie McDaniel (So.)
MLB	45	Jared Morris (Sr.)	97	Scott Stickane (Sr.)
ROV	55	Randall Webb (Jr.)	49	Nurahda Manning (So.)
CB	31	Sean Weston (Sr.)	23	Ronald Jones (So.)
CB	11	Byron Jones (Jr.)	6	Bryant Singleton (So.)
SS	33	Keelan Jackson (Jr.)	35	Anthony Squillante (Jr.)
FS	19	Jaxson Appel (So.)	40	Kevin Mangum (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	13	Todd Pegram (So.)
P	20	Cody Scates (Sr.)
KR	3	Terrence Thomas (Jr.)
PR	7	Jason Carter (Jr.)

*The 12 offensive positions represent Texas A&M's multiple formations.
(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Dustin Long, 177-333-2,509-16, 19 TDs
Rushing: Derek Farmer, 172 car., 739 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Jamaar Taylor, 44 rec., 760 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Todd Pegram, 12 FGs, 32 XPs, 68 points
Punting: Cody Scates, 67 punts, 43.7 avg.
Kicking: Todd Pegram, 12-21 FGs, 32-33 XPs, 68 points
Tackles: Jaxson Appel, 73, 45 solo
Tackles for loss: Randall Webb, 13 for 49 yds.
Sacks: Randall Webb, 7
Interceptions: Jaxson Appel, 4 for 46 yds., Byron Jones, 4 for 117 yds.
Kickoff returns: Terrence Thomas, 12 ret., 21.0 avg.
Punt returns: Byron Jones, 8 ret., 6.4 avg.

2002 Results

A. 31	UL-Lafayette	W	31-7
S. 7	at Pittsburgh	W	14-12
S. 21	Virginia Tech	L	3-13
S. 28	Louisiana Tech	W	31-3
O. 5	Texas Tech	L	47-48
O. 12	at Baylor	W	41-0
O. 19	at Kansas	W	47-22
O. 26	Nebraska	L	31-38
N. 2	at Oklahoma State	L	23-28
N. 9	Oklahoma	W	30-26
N. 16	Missouri	L	27-33
N. 29	at Texas	L	20-50

Mr. Fix-It

Dennis Franchione could be building something big at A&M.

by Rusty Burson



Like a seasoned public speaker leading off with a reliable knee-slapper, Dennis Franchione sits in his office on the sprawling Texas A&M campus and begins his interview with a series of self-deprecating one-liners.

The dynamic new leader of Texas A&M's football program has Aggieland eating out of the palm of his hand, but he would lead you to believe he's all thumbs. Regarding his new car, Franchione says the high-tech, gadget-loaded vehicle is probably more intelligent than he is.

Regarding his new home, he says his wife, Kim, has given him strict instructions to leave all handyman duties and picture-hanging to her. "If (my family members) see a hammer or screwdriver in my hands at home, they immediately call 911," Franchione says with a smile. "I don't fix things, repair things or build things."

At least not around the house. But in reality, those three things are exactly why Fran is back in Texas. He was lured last December from Alabama to fix the Aggies' sinking image, repair A&M's standing in the Big 12 Conference and build the program into a national power.

It's an imposing to-do list. During the last four years, A&M has been a program on decline. Since winning the Big 12 title in 1998, the Aggies have gone 29-19 overall. More telling, however, was that during that same time period, A&M was a combined 3-13 against Big 12 rivals Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas Tech.

Mediocrity reached its peak last season when the Aggies stumbled to a 6-6 record, went 3-4 at the once-impregnable Kyle Field, fell to fifth in the Big 12 South standings and failed to earn a bowl bid.

Despite the declining production, former head coach R.C. Slocum still had a following in Aggieland. But even some of his players seemed to be losing interest.

"Everybody was kind of getting bored with the way we were doing things," A&M junior linebacker Randall Webb says. "It was real stale. It seemed like there wasn't much motivation under Slocum. Coach Fran, though, he's like a breath of fresh air. I'm refreshed; we're all refreshed."

So are current A&M students, former students and fans across the Lone Star State. Since Fran was hired on Dec. 6, 2002, season ticket inquiries and memberships in the 12th Man Foundation, the athletic fundraising organization of A&M athletics, have skyrocketed.

From December through March, the 12th Man Foundation estimates it received 3,100 new donors at a minimum of \$150 per membership. Many of those new members joined the organization for the right to purchase season tickets — even though A&M's 2003 home schedule has few marquee matchups.

"We've seen a dramatic increase in memberships and ticket sales since Coach Fran's arrival," says Miles Marks, executive director and CEO of the 12th Man Foundation. "Coming off a 6-6 season, we were concerned that we might suffer a drop in season tickets and memberships."

"But Coach Fran's hiring has energized our donors. We're anticipating record-setting season ticket sales. He's already been a lightning rod in terms of producing electricity among our fans."

"Fran Mania" is evident in numerous other ways. "Frantastic" T-shirts are a wardrobe necessity for many students. More than 600 fans turned out for a signing-day party with Franchione on national letter of intent day. And G. Rollie White Coliseum, the former home of A&M basketball, was rocking like the old Holler House on the Brazos when Fran introduced his "Night of Champions" weightlifting exhibition.

Undeniably, there is a new spirit of optimism at A&M, which was already regarded as one of the most spirited universities in the country. Even former A&M players are yearning to slip on the maroon and white once more for a chance to play under the new regime.

"I wish I had another year or two left," 2003 NFL first-round draft pick Ty Warren said after the Aggies' first spring practice. "You

can tell there's a new energy. This team is going to be better in a hurry."

"I could tell a difference from the first day (Franchione) met with the team," says former A&M quarterback Mark Farris. "And to hear about all the little things he is doing, man, that makes me wish I had more eligibility."

It has probably been the little things that have made the biggest impression on A&M fans and, most importantly, the current A&M players.

Other coaches talk about the team being a family atmosphere; Fran promotes it and works to ensure it exists. Since he was hired at A&M, the football team attended an A&M basketball game and baseball game together, had a team picnic, played softball and went bowling together. Those may seem like little things, but they have gone a long way toward building team unity.

"The enthusiasm level is amazing," says A&M senior receiver Jamaar Taylor. "(Fran) brings so much to the team. The guys are all together now. We go bowling together, we go to games together. It's a great thing. It's going to be a new Aggie team."

It should also be a better-conditioned and stronger Aggie team. When he arrived, Franchione was surprised at the overall lack of strength of the A&M players. With the help of strength coach Mike Clark, one of the lone holdovers from the Slocum regime, Franchione implemented a much more intense strength and conditioning program.

According to the players, Slocum was not often seen in the locker room or the weight room, especially in the off-season. Fran's hands-on approach was first a shock and then a welcome surprise to the A&M players.

"First off, he's in there all the time, encouraging us and demanding more of us," says Webb, one of the emotional leaders of the A&M defense. "You can tell right away he's a players' coach. He puts some fear in you, but you want to go the extra mile for him. Everything we've done since he's gotten here has been five times more intense than what we were doing."

The spring practices were the most intense of all. The detail-oriented Franchione is a master of time management on the practice field, making the most of every minute. Prior to the first day of spring practices, Fran informed the media that during the last period of each practice, he wanted the Aggies to run 90 plays in 20 minutes.

Even after just one practice, the winded and weary players could already see the long-term benefits.

"I like the way things are run," safety Jaxson Appel said following the

first practice. "I'm not exactly feeling so great, but in the long run it will definitely be to our advantage because we will be in better shape. Last year we played 90-something snaps against Tech, and I didn't have anything left. I don't think that will happen in any game this year."

With something extra left in the tank, perhaps the 2003 Aggies will be able to hold onto leads in the fourth quarter. A&M lost five games last season that were decided in either the fourth quarter or overtime.

Franchione, who has turned programs around at New Mexico, TCU and Alabama, isn't making promises about this first season in Aggieland, but he sees immediate possibilities for improvement.

"We want to win as many games as we can," he says. "We want to be exciting and grow this enthusiasm — foster it, nurture it to even greater heights. But there's a fine line between enthusiasm and reality. I do notice the last three years we have gone 7-5, 8-4, 6-6. Fans sometimes fail to remember that, so I give them some 'Fran reminders.' But (A&M) was very competitive in games last year, so hopefully, we can make a difference

and get over the hump in some of those games."

Fran also acknowledges that — at least eventually — Texas A&M does possess national championship potential. He's known that ever since he began coaching in Texas at Southwest Texas State in 1990.

That's why he had an out clause in his contract — if the A&M job came open — while he was at TCU. That's also one of the reasons he chose to leave a traditional power like Alabama for College Station. The Aggies, with their huge fan base, sparkling new facilities and membership

in one of the premier conferences in the country, appear to be the classic sleeping giant.

Perhaps Dennis Franchione is just the man to awaken the program. A&M fans, donors, officials and players certainly believe that he is.

"I've worked with a lot of great

coaches — Barry Switzer, Larry Coker, Jim Donnan and so forth," says Texas A&M's director of football operations Charley North, who was with Fran at TCU and Alabama. "They all had strengths and great characteristics. But Coach Fran has the entire package. His personality, recruiting, attention to detail, dedication to the coaches and players is exceeded by no one I've ever worked for."

"Beyond the shadow of a doubt, I believe Coach Fran is going to get it done here. He's going to build something big at Texas A&M."

He may have all the tools to do that. Even if he doesn't know his way around a toolbox.



Coach Fran has the Aggie faithful believing once again.

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— Randall Webb, Texas A&M Linebacker



Texas Tech enters the 2003 season without much star power. That doesn't necessarily mean the Red Raiders will be lacking in firepower.

While most of the biggest names from last season — Kliff Kingsbury, Aaron Hunt and Lawrence Flugence — have moved on, the returning Raiders believe they can continue moving up the Big 12 ladder. Tech returns 14 starters from a team that made its third straight bowl appearance, and expectations are approaching an all-time high — even without some of their all-time leaders.

"There's no question that we have very high expectations," says all-purpose all-star Wes Welker. "We believe we should be in the hunt for the Big 12 South title, and we don't care if anyone else takes us seriously. I love that underdog role."

quarterbacks

Kingsbury, who set 17 NCAA records during his sensational collegiate career, passed for 5,017 yards last season. Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach isn't promising B.J. Symons will match those numbers, but he doubts the Raiders' passing attack will miss a beat with a new leader under center.

"I have a lot of confidence in B.J.," Leach says. "For being a backup the last three years, he's a pretty experienced guy.

He knows the system and knows what we expect, so he's far ahead of the garden variety kind of new starting quarterback."

Indeed, Symons has played in 18 games during the past three seasons, completing better than 50 percent of his attempts. While most of his playing time has come in mop-up duty, Symons has already gained the confidence of his teammates. The senior probably has more arm strength than Kingsbury and has comparable mobility. And perhaps most important, he's shown a knack for making quick and good decisions in the pocket.

The big concern for the Raiders is the inexperience behind Symons. Tech simply cannot afford for him to go down with an injury.

running backs

Based primarily on the Raiders' scheme of using short passes as a running game of sorts, no team in the Big 12 produced fewer rushing yards per game than Texas Tech (99.4 per contest). But don't be deceived. Tech has some extremely dangerous running backs who can easily take a handoff or a short pass and make big things happen.

Welker, a 5'9" senior from Oklahoma City, is one of the most exciting players in the Big 12. He's listed as a running back,

and he averaged 7.9 yards per carry last season. But the flashy, elusive Welker is most lethal when catching a short pass and darting into the secondary. He caught 86 passes for 1,054 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

"(Welker) is the greatest overachiever I have ever coached," Leach says. "He can do just about everything. He's also one of the most confident players I've been around, and believing you can do it is more than half the battle."

Welker isn't the only multi-purpose breakaway threat in the backfield. Sophomore Taurean Henderson broke onto the scene in a big way, rushing for 793 yards and seven touchdowns and catching 98 passes — an NCAA record for freshman — for six more scores last season.

receivers

In addition to Welker and Henderson out of the backfield, the Raiders return an explosive and talented receiving corps that rivals the best of the best in the Big 12. The trio of Carlos Francis, Mickey Peters and Nehemiah Glover combined to catch 166 passes for 2,054 yards last season. Add in Welker and Henderson, and the five receivers/running backs combined for 350 receptions and 3,741 yards.

"It's a good group," Leach says. "Those



Layne Murdoch

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Another Bowl Trip

Without their all-time leading passer, all-time leading tackler and all-time sack leader, the Red Raiders may be easy to overlook in the unbelievably strong Big 12 South. But if senior quarterback B.J. Symons can live up to his teammates' expectations, Tech could be a team to watch in 2003. With all of his skill position players back — and all but one starting offensive lineman returning from last season — Symons will have plenty of weapons at his disposal. Perhaps the bigger question for Tech is not how it will replace Kliff Kingsbury, but rather, how it will replace so many veterans on defense. The non-conference schedule could pose some problems, especially the trips to NC State and Ole Miss. And the conference slate, once again, is a beast. This is a quality football team, but the Raiders might struggle to win more than they lose.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	SMU	W
S. 6	New Mexico	*
S. 20	at NC State	L
S. 27	at Ole Miss	*
O. 4	Texas A&M	*
O. 11	Iowa State	*
O. 18	at Oklahoma State	L
O. 25	at Missouri	L
N. 1	Colorado	L
N. 8	at Baylor	W
N. 15	at Texas	L
N. 22	Oklahoma	L

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Taurean Henderson: Rushed for 793 yards in 2002



Wes Welker



tile end, finished second on the team with five sacks and also produced 8.5 tackles for a loss.

The interior of the defensive front is a major concern, as both tackles must be replaced. Ken Scott and Chris Hudler, a pair of redshirt freshman, emerged from spring practice atop the depth chart, but sophomore Fred Threault and junior Patrice Majondo-Mwamba will be in the mix. Clayton Harmon, an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection as a freshman in 2001, injured his back last year in the loss to NC State and is not expected to play again.

At the other end, the Raiders will undoubtedly miss the play-making ability and leadership of Hunt. Redshirt freshman Seth Nitschmann and sophomore Randall Cherry will

battle for the start opposite Duckett. Cherry played sparingly last fall.

linebackers

Like Kingsbury on offense, the Raiders must replace their man in the middle on defense. Losing Flugence, the leading tackler in the Big 12, leaves a huge void at middle linebacker, but Leach is confident freshman Brock Stratton can step right in.

Stratton, a stocky and tough performer, reminds many Tech officials of a young Zach Thomas. He returned from a two-year LDS Church mission and enrolled at Tech in January so he could participate in spring practice.

On the outside, new Tech defensive coordinator Lyle Serencich has a pair of all-around tough guys in John Saldi and Mike Smith. Saldi was a member of the All-Big 12 Freshman team last year, while Smith is a pure throwback. He had 104 tackles last season and has impressed virtually everyone with his toughness.

"He reminds you of a Sam Huff or somebody like that," Leach says. "He's mean, tough and ornery — the kind of guy who would play without a facemask."

★ RISING STAR

He may not make people forget about Lawrence Flugence, but because of his size (5'11", 214) and appearance **Brock Stratton** is already reminding Tech fans of Zach Thomas. Stratton originally signed with BYU but opted for a two-year LDS Church mission before coming to Tech.

defensive backs

Cornerbacks Marcus Boyd and Ivory McCann are relatively inexperienced and will likely be tested early and often. If those corners hold up, the Tech secondary should be extremely strong.

Safeties Ryan Aycock and Vincent Meeks are proven playmakers. Meeks, who began his career as a running back, intercepted three passes last season, including two in Tech's blowout victory over Clemson in the Tangerine Bowl. Aycock, a tremendous tackler, registered 151 stops from his free safety position last season.

specialists

No one in the Big 12 is better than Welker when it comes to returning punts. The senior has taken six punts back for touchdowns in his career. McCann and Meeks also form a dangerous kickoff combination.

The special teams concerns for Tech involve the kicking specialists, as punter Wich Brenner and placekicker Ryan Bishop take over for departed veterans.

Ryan Aycock

guys have played a lot of downs and make a lot of big catches. I feel good about our receivers."

Peters is deceptively fast and may have the best hands of the wide receivers. But Francis and Glover have the speed to turn short passes across the middle into long touchdown receptions.

380 Texas Tech made 380 first downs last season — over 100 more than any other team in the Big 12.

offensive linemen

Tech allowed 46 sacks last season, second-most in the Big 12. But considering that the Raiders attempted 316 more passes than any other team in the league, Tech's offensive front was much more than adequate in its pass protection.

And with four of five starters returning from last season, Tech's offensive line could be one of the better units in the Big 12. Led by seniors Toby Cecil at center and Casey Keck at right tackle, the line appears to be quite capable of providing Symons with enough time to throw and opening up a few holes for the lightning-quick running backs.

defensive linemen

Adell Duckett played extremely well last season on the opposite side from Hunt. Now, the athletic junior must prove he can handle the role of being in the spotlight instead of playing in Hunt's shadow. Duckett, a quick and versa-

Outside the Huddle

Complete confidence While outsiders may view the loss of Kliff Kingsbury as potentially devastating to the Red Raiders, the Tech players appear to have complete confidence in new starting quarterback B.J. Symons. "No doubt about it," says linebacker Mike Smith. "B.J. is a player, a difference-maker. And I'm saying that from a defensive standpoint because I know how he has hurt us in practice."

Unbalanced, but good Tech finished last in the Big 12 in rushing yards at 99.4 per game. Nevertheless, the Raiders still led the league in total offense at 488.2 yards per contest. Tech's passing game was so good that it didn't matter that the Raiders couldn't run consistently.

Nine is nice The Red Raiders' nine wins last season matched the most victories for Texas Tech since 1995. Tech last won more than nine games in 1976 when the Raiders went 10-2.

Quick starters Mike Leach had a busy off-season, as he replaced four members of his staff. But his new assistants — defensive coordinator Lyle Serencich, defensive ends coach Johnny Barr, running backs coach Bill Bedenbaugh and defensive tackles coach Charlie Sadler — hit the ground running. "I was amazed at how quickly those guys came in here and made themselves at home with our players and systems," Leach says. "It's always something you worry about, but I have no worries now."

Springboard For the first time since the inception of the Big 12, the Raiders entered the off-season with a bowl victory. Tech's 55-15 win over Clemson in the Tangerine Bowl ended a four-game losing streak in bowl games.

2003 Texas Tech Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

9-5
5-3

Head Coach
Mike Leach

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
24	Anders, Adam	DB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Arlington, TX
47	Aycock, Greg	DB	5'8"	195	Fr.	Lubbock, TX
28	Aycock, Ryan	FS	6'1"	208	Sr.	Lubbock, TX
3	Bachman, Thomas	IL	5'10"	182	So.	Shreveport, LA
61	Bailey, Michael	OL	6'6"	284	So.	Wichita Falls, TX
94	Bell, Jared	IR	6'2"	200	Fr.	Plains, TX
22	Bergfeld, Brad	WR	6'0"	160	Fr.	Tyler, TX
85	Bishop, Brian	WR	5'11"	182	Jr.	Coppell, TX
37	Bishop, Ryan	K	5'8"	195	Jr.	Arvada, CO
8	Bongo-Wanga, Loliki	RB	5'10"	205	Sr.	Brussels, Belgium
11	Boyd, Marcus	DB	6'0"	198	Sr.	Lubbock, TX
50	Bradshaw, Calvin	LB	6'4"	232	Jr.	Houston, TX
98	Brenner, Wich	K/P	5'11"	230	So.	High Point, NC
21	Brisco, Michael	DB	6'2"	183	Fr.	Childress, TX
3	Broussard, Bret	QB	6'2"	198	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
64	Campbell, Cody	OL	6'4"	315	Jr.	Canyon, TX
22	Carroll, Dwan	DB	5'11"	163	Fr.	Austin, TX
66	Cecil, Toby	C	6'4"	290	Sr.	Richardson, TX
84	Cherry, Randall	DE	6'3"	256	So.	Celina, TX
21	Choate, Jason	IR	6'1"	200	Fr.	Big Spring, TX
15	Cumbe, Sonny	QB	6'4"	210	Jr.	Snyder, TX
17	Dorrough, Armon	WR	6'1"	164	Jr.	Lancaster, TX
14	Douglas, Brandon	WR	5'11"	183	Fr.	Mesquite, TX
41	Draa, Frankie	RB	5'6"	204	Jr.	The Woodlands, TX
91	Duckett, Adell	DL	6'4"	250	Jr.	Mineral Wells, TX
53	Emmert, Adam	LB	6'1"	235	Fr.	Abilene, TX
96	Falls, Neno	DE	6'5"	257	Sr.	Howe, TX
89	Fiani, Joel	WR	6'3"	202	Fr.	Phoenix, AZ
3	Foster, Dante	DB	5'11"	163	Jr.	Grapevine, TX
82	Francis, Carlos	WR	5'10"	197	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
24	Fuller, Cody	WR	6'0"	189	So.	Smithson Valley, TX
77	Gandy, Dylan	OL	6'3"	294	Jr.	Pflugerville, TX
6	Glover, Nehemiah	WR	5'8"	168	Jr.	LaMarque, TX
9	Hall, Gabe	WR	6'4"	262	Fr.	Lubbock, TX
74	Harmon, Clayton	DL	6'7"	287	Jr.	Stephenville, TX
7	Haverty, Trey	WR	6'0"	198	Jr.	Richardson, TX
80	Hawkins, Joey	WR	6'8"	225	Jr.	Hurst, TX
19	Henderson, Taurean	RB	5'9"	187	So.	Gatesville, TX
88	Hicks, Jarrett	WR	6'3"	194	Fr.	Sharpstown, TX
10	Hodges, Cody	QB	6'0"	201	So.	Hereford, TX
83	Hodges, Slade	WR	6'1"	207	So.	Hereford, TX
54	Holland, Jay	OL	6'1"	268	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
93	Hudler, Chris	DL	6'2"	296	Fr.	Mesquite, TX
18	Jackson, Jamaal	DB	5'11"	175	Jr.	Bruce, MS
79	January, Glenn	OL	6'6"	259	Fr.	Houston, TX
5	Jobe, Taylor	WR	6'0"	195	Jr.	Austin, TX
20	Johnson, Byron	DB	6'0"	202	Sr.	Duncanville, TX
59	Jones, Brandon	OL	6'3"	303	Fr.	Keizer, OR

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
65	Keck, Casey	OL	6'4"	310	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
62	Kegans, Bryan	OL	6'5"	291	So.	Stephenville, TX
15	Lathan, Brandon	DB	5'11"	202	Jr.	Klein, TX
52	Lee, Scott	LB	6'3"	225	Fr.	Stephenville, TX
25	Lewis, SirDon	DB	5'9"	160	So.	Hitchcock, TX
60	Loper, Daniel	OL	6'7"	325	Jr.	Bellaire, TX
70	Lusk, Lance	OL	6'6"	315	Fr.	Tyler, TX
4	Mack, Johnnie	RB	5'7"	174	Jr.	Lakeland, FL
90	Majondo-Mwamba, Patrice	DE	6'3"	300	Jr.	Brussels, Belgium
9	McCann, Ivory	CB	5'8"	161	Jr.	Houston, TX
45	McClendon, Mark	LS	6'0"	200	So.	Wolfforth, TX
85	McGinnis, Gathan	DE	6'1"	261	Sr.	Waco, TX
47	McGuire, Clay	RB	6'2"	226	Jr.	Crane, TX
34	McKenzie, Trevor	DB	5'11"	170	Jr.	LaMarque, TX
1	Meeks, Vincent	DB	5'11"	187	So.	Rockwall, TX
68	Milam, Jeremy	DT	6'1"	281	Jr.	Wolfforth, TX
57	Mock, Chase	C	6'1"	280	Fr.	The Woodlands, TX
88	Nitschmann, Seth	DE	6'3"	239	Fr.	Corpus Christi, TX
29	Norman, Tim	CB	6'0"	185	So.	Midland, TX
86	Peters, Mickey	WR	6'3"	211	Sr.	Weatherford, TX
2	Pierce, Raymond	DB	6'1"	206	Sr.	Rialto, CA
63	Ramirez, Manuel	OL	6'3"	349	Fr.	Sugarland, TX
33	Rangel, Josh	DB	6'2"	198	Sr.	West Covina, CA
8	Riley, Lincoln	QB	6'3"	195	Fr.	Muleshoe, TX
69	Rodriguez, Jon	OL	6'4"	337	Jr.	Houston, TX
5	Saldi, John	LB	6'4"	215	So.	Southlake, TX
13	Schell, Nathan	WR	5'10"	185	Sr.	Dallas, TX
99	Scott, Ken	DT	6'2"	307	Fr.	Newton, TX
26	Scovell, Dupree	WR	5'11"	188	Sr.	Dallas, TX
10	Session, Fletcher	LB	6'0"	212	Fr.	Tyler, TX
39	Slaughter, Brent	DB	6'0"	188	Fr.	Wimberly, TX
31	Smart, Erick	DB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Austin, TX
46	Smith, Mike	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Lubbock, TX
41	Smith, Nathan	DB	6'0"	204	Jr.	Bryan, TX
45	Stratton, Brock	LB	5'11"	214	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
3	Sweats, Micah	DB	6'0"	196	Fr.	Jersey Village, TX
2	Symons, B.J.	QB	6'1"	209	Sr.	Houston, TX
97	Threweatt, Fred	DL	6'3"	333	So.	Midland, TX
56	Tillman, Kellen	LB	6'1"	235	Fr.	Plano, TX
12	Toogood, Keith	K	6'1"	170	Fr.	Dallas, TX
23	Turner, Marquis	LB	6'0"	225	Jr.	Bryan, TX
29	Wagner, Ricky	WR	6'0"	175	Fr.	Richardson, TX
27	Welker, Wes	RB	5'9"	190	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK
30	Wesley, Jason	LB	6'0"	218	Sr.	Houston, TX
49	Wheeler, Jeremy	DB	6'0"	179	Jr.	Dallas, TX
75	Whitley, E.J.	OL	6'6"	310	So.	Texas City, TX
35	Woods, Jeremy	LB	6'1"	246	Jr.	Andrews, TX

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Chauncey Clark	DE	6'2"	228	Lakeland, FL
Recorded a school record 21 sacks in 2001 as a freshman at San Francisco City College.				
Daniel Christian	OL	6'5"	338	San Francisco, CA
Named to the All-California squad by JCFootball.com. Played two seasons at San Francisco City College.				
Phillip Daugherty	QB	6'3"	205	Bridgeport, TX
Rated the No. 23 QB in the country by Rivals.com. Named Class 3A Player of the Year. Threw for 3,277 yards and 34 TDs in 2002. Holds the Class 3A career passing mark with 10,136 yards.				
Kenya Dawson	DE	6'2"	245	Shreveport, LA
Rated among the Top 60 DEs in the country by Rivals.com. Recorded 78 tackles, 11 TFLs and two forced fumbles as a senior.				
Joe Garcia	FS	6'1"	200	Clovis, NM
Named Gatorade Player of the Year in New Mexico in 2002. Named Prep Athlete of the Year by the Albuquerque Journal. Grabbed six INTs as a senior.				
Ben Griffin	OL	6'4"	278	Ennis, TX
Named to the Texas Super Team by Max Emfinger. Earned second-team all-district honors as a senior.				
Matt Grisell	OL	6'4"	275	Bellaire, TX
A member of the Texas Football Magazine Top 300 list. A two-way lineman as a senior.				
Sione Havili	RB	6'2"	255	Salt Lake City, UT
Rated the No. 9 JC RB prospect in the country by Max Emfinger. Played last season at El Camino (CA) College. Rushed for 755 yards despite battling a knee injury.				
Antonio Huffman	CB	6'0"	175	Lovejoy, GA
Originally signed with Texas Tech in 2001 but attended Garden City (KS) CC last year. Redshirted the 2002 season. Will have four years of eligibility.				
Jamaal Jackson	CB	5'11"	175	Bruce, MS
Named NJCAA National Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. Recorded 40 tackles and five INTs at NW Mississippi CC last season. Averaged 25.4 yards per kickoff return.				
Chad Johnson	DB	5'11"	185	Shreveport, LA
Rated among the Top 60 CBs in the country by Rivals.com. Recorded 113 tackles and five INTs as a senior. Runs a 4.4 40-yard dash.				
Josh Morris	OT	6'4"	270	Midland, TX
Earned second-team Class 5A All-State honors from the Associated Press. Rated among the Top 100 OL prospects in the nation by Max Emfinger.				
Chris Parker	CB	5'10"	173	Dallas, TX
Earned All-District 10-5A honors by the Dallas Morning News. Rushed for 737 yards and 11 TDs in 2002.				
Ryan Phillips	CB	5'11"	190	Seattle, WA
A member of the PrepStar Junior College Top 125 list. Played last season at Mt. San Antonio (CA) College.				
Tommy Pratt	DL	6'2"	265	San Jose, CA
Recorded 8.5 sacks as a sophomore at San Francisco City College. Earned first-team All-Region 1 honors in 2002.				
Taurance Rawls	RB	5'10"	192	Garland, TX
Rated the No. 60 RB in the country by Rivals.com. Named Class 5A All-State honorable mention as a senior. Rushed for 1,460 yards in 2002.				
Alex Reyes	P	6'1"	200	Allen, TX
Rated the No. 17 P in the country by Max Emfinger. Averaged 44.0 yards per punt. Converted 6-of-8 field goals as a senior.				
Raymond Serres	OL	6'5"	255	Humble, TX
Named to the All-Greater Houston team by the Houston Chronicle. Rated among the Top OL prospects in the nation by Max Emfinger.				
Jabari Smith	CB	5'11"	177	Mayer, AZ
Played last season at Arizona Western College. Rushed for a Class 2A state record 44 TDs as a prep senior.				
Brock Stratton	LB	5'11"	225	San Antonio, TX
Originally signed with BYU but went on a two-year LDS Church mission. Named the San Antonio Express-News Defensive Player of the Year after recording 123 tackles as a senior.				
David Weems	TE	6'4"	231	Conroe, TX
Rated the No. 37 TE in the nation by Rivals.com. Caught 28 passes for 535 yards and six TDs as a senior. Earned second-team Class 4A All-State honors from the Texas Sportswriters.				
Paul Williams	LB	6'2"	210	Tyler, TX
Rated among the Top 75 OLBs in the nation by Rivals.com. Named All-District 11-5A by the Dallas Morning News. Recorded 103 tackles, seven TFLs and three sacks as a senior.				
Tyler Yezzer	DE	6'4"	220	Midland, TX
Named to the first-team Class 5A All-State squad as a senior. Rated the No. 36 weak-side DE in the country by Rivals.com. Recorded 89 tackles and 14 sacks in 2002.				

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	86	Mickey Peters (Sr.)	9	Gabe Hall (Fr.)
WR	6	Nehemiah Glover (Jr.)	24	Cody Fuller (So.)
WR	82	Carlos Francis (Sr.)	7	Trey Haverty (Jr.)
LT	60	Daniel Loper (Jr.)	61	Michael Bailey (So.)
LG	64	Cody Campbell (Jr.)	69	Glenn January (Fr.)
C	66	Toby Cecil (Sr.)	77	Dylan Gandy (Jr.)
RG	63	Manuel Ramirez (Fr.)	59	Brandon Jones (Fr.)
RT	65	Casey Keck (Sr.)	75	E.J. Whitley (So.)
QB	2	B.J. Symons (Sr.)	15	Sonny Cumbe (Jr.)
FB	19	Taurean Henderson (So.)	4	Johnnie Mack (Jr.)
HB	27	Wes Welker (Sr.)	47	Clay McGuire (Jr.)

Defense (5)

DE	91	Adell Duckett (Jr.)	23	Marquis Turner (Jr.)
NT	93	Chris Hudler (Fr.)	97	Fred Threweatt (So.)
DT	99	Ken Scott (Fr.)	90	P. Majondo-Mwamba (Jr.)
DE	88	Seth Nitschmann (Fr.)	84	Randall Cherry (So.)
SLB	46	Mike Smith (Jr.)	35	Jeremy Woods (Jr.)
MLB	45	Brock Stratton (Fr.)	10	Fletcher Session (Fr.)
WLB	5	John Saldi (So.)	39	Brent Slaughter (Fr.)
CB	9	Ivory McCann (Jr.)	18	Jamaal Jackson (Jr.)
CB	11	Marcus Boyd (Sr.)	25	SirDon Lewis (So.)
SS	28	Ryan Aycock (Sr.)	38	Micah Sweats (Fr.)
FS	1	Vincent Meeks (So.)	20	Byron Johnson (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	37	Ryan Bishop (Jr.)
P	98	Wich Brenner (Jr.)
KR	9	Ivory McCann (Jr.)
PR	27	Wes Welker (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: B.J. Symons, 28-43-329-1, 5 TDs
Rushing: Taurean Henderson, 153 car., 793 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Taurean Henderson, 98 rec., 633 yds., 6 TDs
Scoring: Taurean Henderson, 13 TDs, 78 points
Punting: none
Kicking: none
Tackles: Ryan Aycock, 151, 87 solo
Tackles for loss: John Saldi, 11.5 for 32 yds.
Sacks: Adell Duckett, 5
Interceptions: Vincent Meeks, 3 for 37 yds.
Kickoff returns: Ivory McCann, 27 ret., 18.3 avg.
Punt returns: Wes Welker, 57 ret., 13.2 avg.

2002 Results

A. 24	at Ohio State	L	21-45
S. 7	at SMU	W	24-14
S. 14	Mississippi	W	42-28
S. 21	NC State	L	48-51
S. 27	at New Mexico	W	49-0
O. 5	at Texas A&M	W	48-47
O. 12	at Iowa State	L	17-31
O. 19	Missouri	W	52-38
O. 26	at Colorado	L	13-37
N. 2	Baylor	W	62-11
N. 9	Oklahoma State	W	49-24
N. 16	Texas	W	42-38
N. 23	at Oklahoma	L	15-60
D. 23	#Clemson	W	55-15
#Tangerine Bowl			

BIG 12 FAIRWAYS & FOOTBALL

Before the kickoff, tee off at one of these great courses

by Dan O'Neill

Before you begin that tailgating party at your favorite away game, why not get in a round of golf? Every team in the Big 12 is not only home to your enemy, but some great golf as well. While not as celebrated as Florida, Myrtle Beach or Hawaii, the states that are home to the Big 12 schools are also home to several great golf courses, in addition to all the top-shelf football teams. So let's go on a quick tour of Big 12 country.

There are numerous top-notch tracks within shouting distance of the university, but if we're sticking to Boulder proper, Flatirons Golf Course stands out. A Robert Bruce Harris design, the facility opened in 1933. Flatirons might be the easiest course to walk in all of Colorado. The mature layout is mostly flat, but the fairways are narrow in many areas and the old bird is tougher than she looks. Still, it's a course the casual player can enjoy without losing a box of balls. The length of the par-70 extends from 5,226 to 6,782 yards. The basic prices are \$30 during the week, \$34 on weekends, with an additional \$24 per person for a cart. There is a driving range to help you get loose and club rentals are available.

If it's a resort experience you seek, try the Omni Interlocken Resort in nearby Broomfield. It features 27 championship-caliber holes of golf, as well as a spa and fitness center. Bring your wallet.

Folks in Cornhusker Land do not lack for quality golf courses. Perhaps the best in town is the Highlands Golf Course. Designed by Jeff Brauer, the 18-holer opened in 1993 and plays as long as 7,021 yards.

True to its name, Highlands attempts to give players the "links" or Scottish golf experience, with wide open spaces and lots of sand. The wind can make the course especially demanding. Highlands is moderately priced, with greens fees set at \$22 on weekends, \$15.75 during the week and \$13.25 for a cart. There are reduced fees for seniors and juniors, as well as twilight rates. Club rentals are available and the facility has a driving range for warming up.

An alternative might be Holmes Park Golf Course. Opened in 1962, Holmes is playable for the high-handicapper, but plenty demanding for the polished player.

One of the top facilities in all of Missouri is Eagle Knoll Golf Club, located just minutes from the Mizzou campus in Hartsburg, Mo. The 18-hole beauty is 6,920 yards from the tips. Designed by Gary Kern, Eagle Knoll opened for play in 1996, and it is wise to call for tee times in advance. The layout is not for the squeamish; fairways are tight, greens are small and the vistas are big and spectacular. Bring your "A" game. Greens fees are affordable, considering the quality of the golf course, which includes practice range and club rentals. Weekday rates with a cart are \$38 before 3 p.m., and \$31 afterwards. Weekends are \$45 with a cart, \$38 from noon to 3 p.m.

Another option in Columbia is A.L. Gustin Golf Club, which has served as the University's home course. If you're planning on walking, be forewarned — it's hilly.

Alvarado Golf Club has been ranked among "America's 50 Greatest Public Golf Courses" by *Golf Digest*. Opened in 1992, the 18-hole, par-



72 layout was designed by Bob Dunning. The zoysia fairways are tight enough to make it challenging for the better players, but not ridiculously so. It plays as long as 7,096 yards from the back tees, and the facility provides a practice range and club rentals. Greens fees without a cart are \$29.50 during the week, \$46.50 on the weekends. Cart rental is \$14.50 per person.

Another option is Eagle Bend Golf Course in Lawrence. The 18-hole facility also includes a range and club rental.



Pebble Creek Country Club is a semi-private, scenic beauty that opened in 1992. Embroidered with lakes, creeks and traditional woodlands, the rolling fairways and gently tiered greens naturally blend with the surroundings to provide a real "away from it all" experience. With multiple tees, Pebble Creek plays from 6,870 yards down to 4,954 yards. Greens fees with cart are \$45 during the week and \$65 on the weekend. There is a range, and club rentals are available.



The Jimmie Austin Golf Course is located on the OU campus and is among the best layouts in Oklahoma. Opened in 1951, the 18-hole Bob Cupp design was refurbished in 1996 and is especially well-maintained. At 7,197 yards from the tips, it is playable for the high-handicapper, with plenty of risk-reward challenges for the low-handicapper. Greens fees on the weekends are \$51 with half a cart. Weekdays are \$44 with half a cart. Practice range and club rentals are available.



Veenker Memorial Golf Course

An alternative in Norman is Westwood Park Golf Course, a 6,015-yard, par-70 course that is moderately priced. It also has a range and clubs to rent.



There are outstanding upscale courses around the area, but most are private. For those in need of a fix, Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock will do quite nicely. A simple, relaxing facility, Shadow Hills opened in 1981. The par-72 track is a links-style design that plays as long as 6,777 yards. Undulating and mounded fairways are featured, with water coming into play on a number of holes. During the week, greens fees are \$15 to walk and \$25 with a cart; the prices rise to \$20 and \$30 on the weekend. There is a practice range available, as well as club rentals.



One would never confuse Manhattan with Pinehurst, N.C., but the area need not apologize for the Colbert Hills at Kansas State golf course, which is available to the public. Designed in the Scottish prairie style by Jeff Brauer and PGA professional Jim Colbert, Colbert Hills is an imposing 7,525 yards from the tips and will present a good challenge to golfers of all skill levels. Special consideration should be given to the wind on this course, which can be used to one's advantage. The signature hole is No. 7, a 600-yard, par 5 that begins with a 100-foot drop from the tee to the fairway. The course is used by the university as an environmental research and turf management facility. Greens fees with cart are \$60 during the week and \$79 on the weekend. Practice range and club rentals are available.



There are many good golf courses around the area, but Cottonwood Creek Golf Course in Waco is a real treat. Designed by

Joe Finger, the par-72 opened in 1985 and plays as long as 7,140 yards. There also is a nine-hole junior course. The 18-hole course is mostly wide-open off the tee, which brings the wind prominently into play. A few blind shots and some fast greens add to the challenge. During the weekend, greens fees are \$21 to walk or \$33 to ride. The rates are \$18 and \$30 during the week and there also are discounted twilight rates.



Veenker Memorial Golf Course on the Iowa State campus is a premier public facility, owned and operated by the University. Veenker was established in 1938 by George F. Veenker, the former Iowa State football coach and athletic director. A Perry Maxwell design, the course is one of the more exciting and penalizing in the state. You will use all 14 clubs in your bag, and any others you might have hidden on your body. The hilly design features tree-lined fairways and well-maintained greens and plays from 5,357 to 6,543 yards. Greens fees for walking are \$21 during the week and \$26.50 on the weekends. Cart rental per person is \$9, \$13 on the weekend. There is a practice range and club rentals are available.



In the world of daily fees, the Jimmy Clay Course/Roy Kizer Course complex offers the variety of two distinctly different tracks. The Roy Kizer opened in 1994 and is a links-style challenge that plays 6,749 yards from the back. The layout was built on 57 acres of marsh and wetlands and features numerous sand bunkers. Greens fees are \$24 during the week and \$28 on the weekend (plus \$20 for a cart). The Jimmy Clay is a traditional 18-hole layout, designed by Joe Finger and opened in 1974. A good value, the course plays as long as 6,857 yards and every hole presents a challenge. During the week, the Jimmy Clay is \$15.50 to walk, \$17 on the weekend. Cart rentals are \$20. There is a practice range for both facilities, and club rentals are available.

In the resort category, try Barton Creek, home to the #1 and #2 rated courses in Texas. The resort's championship courses, designed by Tom Fazio, Arnold Palmer and Ben Crenshaw, are a tribute to the game and the unique terrain of the Hill Country. Call 800-336-6158.



There's no question about the ideal course to play in Stillwater. The semi-private Karsten Creek Golf Club has been a recruiting tool that has helped the Oklahoma State University golf team flourish in recent years. Carved out of oak trees and mountain streams, Karsten opened in 1994 and was designed by Tom Fazio. The course plays as long as 7,095 yards, with narrow fairways, hilly terrain and medium-sized greens. *Golf Digest* has rated the course as the "Best Public Course" in the state, and it's probably the best college course in the country. Naturally, all of that "best" stuff comes with an equally remarkable price tag — \$250. The ticket includes greens, cart and range balls.

A less financially demanding option is Lakeside Memorial Golf Course in nearby Walters. During the week, the 18-hole, par-70 will set you back \$17.90 walking or \$28.75 riding; prices rise to \$21.70 and \$32.55 on the weekend. Range and rentals are available.



Oklahoma State's Karsten Creek Golf Club Blue Course



There was enough drama in Boulder last year to rival the town's renowned Shakespeare festival.

Months after quarterback Craig Ochs shocked the team with a surprise transfer to I-AA Montana, tailback Marcus Houston, the other prize in Colorado's 2000 recruiting class, also jumped ship — to rival Colorado State.

Between that hubbub and the embarrassment of having to replace their receivers coach twice, the Buffaloes faced their share of curve balls. But the team faced adversity in 2002 and held on for its second straight Big 12 North title.

As for the external rumblings that this is a rebuilding year?

"I don't think it's true," says CU line-backer Sean Tufts. "We did lose a lot of guys, especially on the offensive side of the ball, but we've got a lot of guys coming back. We're just reloading."

Coach Gary Barnett still has plenty of talent at the offensive skill positions and on the defense he revamped last year, but an almost entirely new offensive line and untested quarterback are enough to make any coach nervous.

quarterbacks

The plan was to have Ochs lead the team in what would have been his senior year. Barnett contends that few major

prospects would sign on to be Ochs' backup for two years.

That leaves the Buffaloes with all sorts of uncertainty now. Their most experienced returnee, walk-on sophomore Joel Klatt, threw the ball all of three times. The other options are redshirt freshman James Cox or true freshmen Bernard Jackson and Brian White.

Barnett had nice things to say about Klatt and Cox during the spring but maintained that he was nowhere close to naming a starter.

The one thing in CU's favor here is how far the team got with Robert Hodge under center last year. Hodge was not within a mile of anyone's Heisman list — though he was a senior playing with a relatively experienced offense.

running backs

This position would have counted among the nation's best in 2003 had Chris Brown stayed for his senior year. Even without Brown or Houston, the Buffs' backs still look very strong.

Bobby Purify moves out of the background as a senior with as much talent and grit as anyone. Even though CU rotated its backs heavily, Purify managed 739 rushing yards in 2002.

His main competition should come from smaller, quicker sophomore Brian

Big 12 North Prediction: 3rd

National Forecast: #28

Calhoun, who broke through at the end of the year for a combined 259 yards against Nebraska and Oklahoma.

But that's not all. After redshirting in 2002, Brandon Caesar certainly has the build of a big-time tailback. Incoming freshman Daniel Jolly could be the next in what is becoming a tradition in Boulder.

The loss of Brandon Drumm at full-back can't be discounted. But Lawrence Vickers has plenty of potential.

receivers

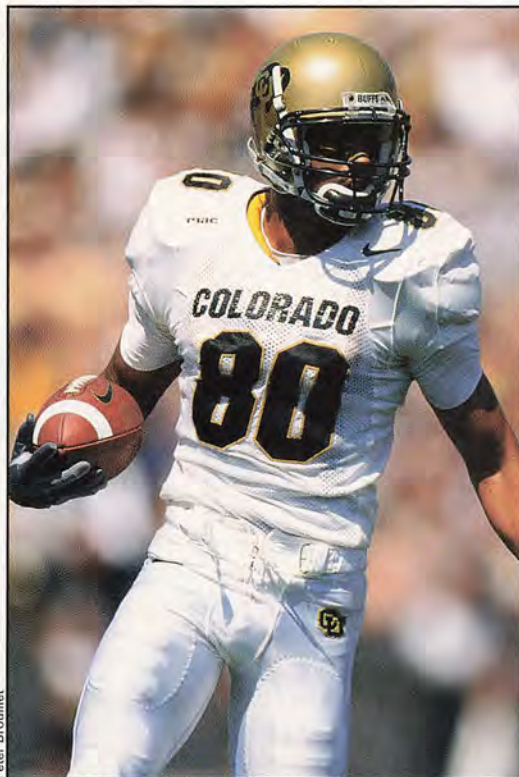
This is the Buffaloes' most experienced position, though none of CU's receivers had many chances to dominate last year due to the potent running game. The Buffs ranked 11th in the Big 12 in passing.

Derek McCoy is a steady first option, though no burner. D.J. Hackett has the size and hops to make a friendly target in the corner of the end zone. John Donahoe, Ron Monteilh and Jeremy Bloom, if he plays this fall, round out a fine supporting cast.

Quinn Sypniewski and Jesse Wallace are the main contenders at tight end, a position that was generally undistinguished for CU a year ago.

offensive linemen

With only guard Marwan Hage back from last year's starting five, the success



Peter Brouillet

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Keeping the Big 12 North Crown

The Buffaloes have a lot of heavy questions to answer before they can take the North for the third straight year. Can a nearly new offensive line congeal during a preseason grinder of a schedule? Even if it does, can an untested quarterback get the veteran receivers the ball and keep defenses from cheating against the outstanding ground attack? The defense will have to win more games than it has in recent years for the Buffaloes if the team is to get past a list of opponents that includes Colorado State, UCLA, Washington State, Florida State, Oklahoma, Kansas State and Nebraska. And even if all of that happens, CU must depend on a true freshman kicker and an untested sophomore punter on special teams. One thing Gary Barnett has taught this team how to do is win regardless of the holes in the lineup.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	#Colorado State	*
S. 6	UCLA	*
S. 13	Washington State	W
S. 20	at Florida State	L
O. 4	at Baylor	W
O. 11	Kansas	W
O. 18	at Kansas State	L
O. 25	Oklahoma	L
N. 1	at Texas Tech	W
N. 8	Missouri	*
N. 15	at Iowa State	W
N. 28	Nebraska	*
	#Denver, CO	

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Derek McCoy: 41 receptions, 7 TDs in 2002

Peter Brouillet



Bobby Purify



Medford Moorer

on the offensive line should have the most to say about the Buffaloes' success overall.

"They're like young puppies," says position coach Dave Borbely. "Sometimes they're not going to stay, even when you want them to stay. Eventually, they'll grow up, and then they'll learn how to bark, and then they'll learn how to bite."

To make Borbely's job even more difficult, returnees Karl Allis, Drew Shader, Derek Stemrich, Gary Moore and Clint Werth missed part or all of spring ball. Shader and Werth have particularly rough histories with injuries.

51 Colorado went 4-1 on the road last season and has won 51 road games since the start of the 1988 season. The Buffs' 51-21-1 road record over that span is the seventh best in the nation.

Untested Clint O'Neal and Mark Fenton will have to join those five to develop some quick chemistry with the veteran Hage in August.

defensive linemen

Losing tackle Tyler Brayton and his ceaseless motor to the NFL will hurt. But the Buffaloes have six players with some starting experience among their front four.

Sam Wilder, DeAndre Fluellen and Brandon Dabdoub have all shown flashes of brilliance in the past two years, though none of them consistently. End Gabe Nyenhuis can be dangerous. Marques Harris would be a great

linebacker in most other systems, but in this one he's great on the corner. "He's got the physical strength to hold on at the edge," says Tufts. "Being 230 pounds, that's a huge compliment to him. He just kills tackles with his speed."

Junior college transfers McKenzie Tilton and John Guydon should add still more depth at tackle.

linebackers

Barnett regularly went with one linebacker last year, though the base defense calls for two.

While much of the defense is geared towards smaller, faster players, the 6'4", 235-pound Tufts looks like a classic linebacker, and he can play like one, too. He's fully recovered from an ankle sprain that shelved him for much of the 2002 season's second half.

At the other backer spot, Barnett is going Cajun. Redshirt freshman Thaddaeus Washington, from Marrero, La., is the likely starter — if he returns after being suspended in the spring. If Washington isn't around, the job may go to Travis Berry, a true freshman from New Orleans.

defensive backs

Barnett sees the future of college football in his nickel-dime scheme, which throws out five defensive backs to counteract the Texas Tech-style spreads. Safety J.J. Billingsley can sum up the defense in one word. "Fast," he says. "It's real fast."

Billingsley, Brian Iwuh and Akarika Dawn all saw significant action as freshmen. They're the main reason why this unit is more seasoned than meets the eye. Despite their inexperience, Billingsley and Dawn both showed an ability to make big hits — and post double-digit tackle totals — in key games.

Barnett believes that in the second year of the new system his defense can look as good as it did in shutting down Tech's Kliff Kingsbury last fall. "We'll be much more comfortable in it," he says. "We'll have some of the adjustments down that we didn't have early on."

RISING STAR

Buff's backs spent most of last year crediting fullback Brandon Drumm for their big gains, but with Drumm gone, the burden falls on **Lawrence Vickers** to pave the way. At 6'2" and 225 pounds, the sophomore has the size for the job, but also the skills to get some carries as a hammerhead-style tailback.

Medford Moorer is a rock at free safety. Weak safety Clyde Surrell and corner Phil Jackson missed the spring with shoulder surgery, but both have been around the block enough to know their jobs. The biggest risk is at the other corner, where Barnett will probably go with redshirt freshman Sammy Joseph. Gerett Burl was expected to contend for the starting assignment, but he has been suspended for the 2003 season.

specialists

College football hasn't seen a quirkier story than that of Bloom, the Olympic freestyle skier who walked onto the team last year as a true freshman and ended up averaging 15.0 yards per punt return, with two touchdowns.

Bloom continues to battle the NCAA in court over his ability to make sponsorship money in his winter sport while remaining an amateur in his fall sport. At the end of spring ball, Barnett still did not know whether he would have a second year of Bloom's services.

Barnett is confident that sophomore walk-on John Torp can handle the punting duties. He also rolled the dice by pitting two true freshmen, Kevin Eberhart and Mason Crosby, in competition for the placekicking job.

Outside the Huddle

Long journey One of college football's great success stories has to be Buffs guard Marwan Hage, a native of Lebanon who escaped that country's civil war to grow up in Montreal. He's going to be a three-year starter and is the soul of his team's offense.

Circle that date CU hosts UCLA Sept. 6 in a game full of angles. UCLA coach Karl Dorrell, an ex-Buffs assistant, raided two key assistants, Jon Embree and Eric Bieniemy, both CU alums, from Gary Barnett's staff. Each team also stole a recruit who might have signed with the other.

Hello, I must be going Barnett also has no love for Oklahoma right now. He brought in Kevin Sumlin to replace Embree as his receivers coach, but less than a month later, Sumlin was out the door to coach for Bob Stoops in Norman. Barnett then went with Purdue's Ted Gilmore instead.

Nice little run CU is 14-2 in the Big 12 over the last two years, tied for the fourth-best two-year stretch in the league's short history.

That's gotta hurt This spring, Barnett underwent shoulder surgery for a chronic injury he suffered three years earlier — after play-wrestling one of his own players, the now-graduated Zac Colvin. "Stupidest thing I've ever done," Barnett says.

2003 Colorado Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

9-5
7-1

Head Coach
Gary Barnett

No.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
55	Ackermann, Jason	LB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Louisville, CO
69	Allis, Karl	OL	6'5"	310	Fr.	Little Rock, AR
14	Anderson, A.J.	DB	6'0"	170	So.	Omaha, NE
68	Baker, Tieg	ILB	5'11"	200	Fr.	Boulder, CO
5	Billingsley, J.J.	DB	5'11"	190	So.	Aurora, CO
15	Bloom, Jeremy	WR	5'9"	165	So.	Loveland, CO
7	Brennan, Colt	QB	6'3"	185	Fr.	Irvine, CA
31	Burl, Gerett	DB	5'9"	170	Fr.	Libertyville, IL
21	Caesar, Brandon	RB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Broussard, PQ
2	Calhoun, Brian	RB	5'10"	195	So.	Oak Creek, WI
19	Carpenter, Ben	QB	6'4"	205	Fr.	Des Moines, IA
95	Clement, Nick	DE	6'2"	255	So.	Colorado Sprs., CO
10	Cox, James	QB	6'3"	210	Fr.	Simi Valley, CA
87	Creighton, Paul	TE	6'5"	235	Fr.	Niwot, CO
3	Cusworth, Chad	SS	6'0"	205	Fr.	Highlands Ranch, CO
98	Dabdoub, Brandon	DT	6'1"	285	Jr.	Metairie, LA
12	Dawn, Akarika	SS	6'2"	220	So.	Houston, TX
35	diZerega, J.P.	FB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Lakewood, CO
82	Donahoe, John	WR	6'0"	185	Sr.	Rancho Santa Fe, CA
91	Down, Will	DT	6'3"	280	Fr.	Escondido, CA
43	Duran, Josh	WR	6'3"	210	So.	Windsor, CO
84	Duren, Mike	WR	6'5"	190	Jr.	Arvada, CO
39	Eberhart, Kevin	K	5'10"	180	Fr.	Broomfield, CO
5	Eberly, J.T.	K	6'1"	205	Jr.	Littleton, CO
58	Fenton, Mark	OL	6'4"	295	Fr.	Inglewood, CA
94	Fluellen, DeAndre	DT	6'1"	290	Sr.	Houston, TX
44	Gardner, Chad	FB	6'2"	230	Sr.	Orangevale, CA
82	Garee, James	DE	6'5"	250	So.	Colorado Sprs., CO
46	Goettsch, Dan	TE	6'5"	220	Fr.	Austin, MN
17	Gonzales, Dan	WR	6'0"	175	Sr.	Grand Junction, CO
47	Gonzales, Marcus	WR	6'4"	190	So.	Grand Junction, CO
13	Greenberg, Erik	QB	6'2"	200	So.	Colorado Sprs., CO
44	Griffith, Kyle	SS	6'2"	205	So.	Broomfield, CO
88	Hackett, D.J.	WR	6'3"	195	Sr.	Ontario, CA
62	Hage, Marwan	OL	6'3"	295	Sr.	Montreal, PQ
90	Hammond, Matt	WR	6'3"	205	So.	Sherwood, OR
30	Harris, Marques	DE	6'2"	230	Sr.	Grand Junction, CO
37	Heaton, J.P.	K/P	6'2"	195	Fr.	Novato, CA
18	Henderson, Tyrone	DB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Oakland, CA
50	Hollis, Chris	ILB	6'1"	235	So.	Denver, CO
48	Holz, Nick	WR	5'10"	175	Fr.	Danville, CA
16	Hubbard, Tom	WR	6'5"	210	So.	Limon, CO
27	Iwuh, Brian	DB	6'1"	210	So.	Houston, TX
6	Jackson, Phil	DB	6'1"	190	Sr.	Colorado Sprs., CO
84	Jones, Jake	TE	6'5"	255	Sr.	Yucaipa, CA
96	Jones, Marcus	DT	6'5"	275	Fr.	Klein, TX
1	Joseph, Sammy	DB	6'1"	180	Fr.	Marrero, LA

No.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
82	Judge, Evan	WR	6'2"	205	So.	Scottsdale, AZ
8	Kirsch, Jordan	QB	6'0"	195	Fr.	Boca Raton, FL
14	Klatt, Joel	QB	6'1"	195	So.	Arvada, CO
89	Klopfenstein, Joe	TE	6'5"	235	So.	Aurora, CO
38	Kunkel, Barry	WR	6'2"	195	Sr.	Broomfield, CO
64	Landry, Taylor	OL	6'0"	275	Fr.	Houston, TX
51	Ligon, Alex	DE	6'4"	240	Fr.	Torrance, CA
23	Littlehales, Tyler	WR	6'4"	210	Fr.	Boulder, CO
19	Mackey, Allen	DB	5'11"	185	Jr.	Bakersfield, CA
9	Mackey, Blake	WR	6'3"	190	Fr.	Bakersfield, CA
56	Manupuna, Vaka	OL	6'1"	280	So.	Kaneohe, HI
60	McChesney, Matt	DT/DE	6'4"	280	Jr.	Longmont, CO
40	McCoy, Derek	WR	6'3"	205	Sr.	Thornton, CO
4	Monteilh, Ron	WR	6'1"	190	Jr.	Beverly Hills, CA
79	Moore, Gary	OL	6'7"	330	So.	Aurora, CO
3	Moore, Marcus	WR	5'11"	180	Sr.	Westmont, IL
17	Moorer, Medford	DB	6'2"	195	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
31	Mueller, Emery	TB	5'11"	210	Fr.	Princeton, NJ
97	Nyenhuis, Gabe	DE	6'4"	265	Fr.	St. Charles, IL
73	O'Neal, Clint	OL	6'6"	290	So.	Weatherford, TX
46	Ottoboni, Brendan	ILB	5'11"	210	Fr.	Concord, CA
59	Pace, Gregory	DE	6'0"	235	So.	Hinsdale, IL
42	Purify, Bobby	TB	6'0"	200	Sr.	Colorado Sprs., CO
23	Richmond, Sam	DB	5'11"	190	Fr.	Blairtown, NJ
10	Riley, Nick	K	5'10"	190	Sr.	Kingwood, TX
65	Scales, Del	OL	6'6"	270	Fr.	Flower Mound, TX
81	Schaub, Brendan	TE	6'5"	230	So.	Aurora, CO
72	Shader, Drew	OL	6'5"	290	So.	Boulder, CO
75	Stauch, Frederick	OL	6'5"	275	Fr.	Flower Mound, TX
52	Stemrich, Derek	OL	6'6"	275	Jr.	Hesperia, CA
35	Stewart, Omar	DB	5'11"	195	Sr.	Northridge, CA
20	Surrell, Clyde	DB	5'10"	185	Sr.	Aurora, CO
55	Sutton, Mike	OL	6'6"	325	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
45	Sypniewski, Quinn	TE	6'7"	250	Sr.	Granger, IA
63	Tipton, Jack	OL	6'4"	280	Fr.	Arvada, CO
40	Tolbert, Jeff	FB	5'11"	225	So.	Cypress, TX
29	Torp, John	P	6'2"	195	So.	Louisville, CO
54	Tufts, Sean	ILB	6'4"	235	Sr.	Englewood, CO
20	Turner, Bryan	TB	5'11"	210	So.	Lafayette, CO
34	Vickers, Lawrence	RB	6'2"	225	So.	Houston, TX
86	Wallace, Jesse	TE	6'3"	235	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
49	Washington, Thaddeus	ILB	6'0"	235	Fr.	Marrero, LA
7	Washington, Vance	DB	5'9"	180	So.	Frienswood, TX
71	Werth, Clint	OL	6'6"	285	Sr.	Hays, KS
90	Wilder, Sam	DT	6'5"	275	Jr.	Dallas, TX
28	Zaitz, Justin	K	6'3"	195	So.	Boulder, CO

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Alonso Barrett	DE	6'2"	225	Alabaster, AL
Rated the No. 26 player in the state by SuperPrep. Recorded 94 tackles and 12 sacks as a senior.				
Travis Berry	ILB	6'0"	225	New Orleans, LA
Named to the SuperPrep All-Southwest team in 2002. Rated the No. 16 ILB in the country by Rivals.com.				
Walter Boye-Doa	ILB	6'2"	230	Keller, TX
Recorded 35 TFLs and 15 sacks as a senior. Earned first-team Class 5-5A All-District honors in 2002.				
Dominique Brooks	DB	6'2"	195	Mesquite, TX
Rated the No. 33 safety in the country by Rivals.com. Named to the PrepStar All-Midlands team as a senior.				
Isaiah Crawford	DB	5'10"	190	Vista, CA
Returned both kick returns attempted for TDs in 2002. Earned first-team all-region and All-Palomar League honors as a senior.				
Mason Crosby	PK	6'2"	185	Georgetown, TX
Rated the No. 3 PK in the country by Rivals.com. Converted 7-of-11 FGs with a long of 59 yards. Averaged 39.8 yards per punt.				
Brian Daniels	OL	6'5"	280	Evergreen, CO
Earned Parade, PrepStar and SuperPrep All-America honors in 2002. Rated the No. 4 OT in the country by Rivals.com.				
Kevin Eberhart	PK	5'10"	180	Broomfield, CO
Named first-team Class 4A All-State by the Boulder Camera. Ranked the No. 24 K in the country by Rivals.com.				
Chadd Evans	DE	6'4"	250	Tulsa, OK
Racked up 120 tackles, 29 TFLs and 16 sacks as a senior. Earned All-Midlands honors from PrepStar as a senior.				
John Guydon	DT	6'2"	300	Yorba Linda, CA
Rated among the Top 100 JC players in the country by SuperPrep. Played two seasons at Fullerton (CA) CC.				
Lionel Harris	DB	6'1"	195	Manvel, TX
Rated the No. 60 safety prospect in the nation by Rivals.com. Named first-team all-district as a senior.				
Edwin Harrison	OL	6'5"	300	Houston, TX
Earned All-Greater Houston honors from the Houston Chronicle as a senior. A member of the SuperPrep All-Southwest squad.				
Bernard Jackson	QB	6'2"	190	Corona, CA
Ranked the No. 10 dual-threat QB in the country by Rivals.com. Combined for 2,345 yards of total offense as a senior. Named to the PrepStar All-West team in 2002.				
Daniel Jolly	RB	6'1"	220	San Antonio, TX
Awarded first-team All-State honors by the Associated Press. Rated the No. 18 RB in the country by Rivals.com. Rushed for 2,109 yards and 23 TDs in 2002.				
Kharylake Martin	OL	6'5"	345	Dayton, TX
Named to the PrepStar All-Midlands squad. Rated among the Top 70 OTs in the country by Rivals.com.				
Tyler Polumbus	OL	6'8"	245	Englewood, CO
Earned SuperPrep All-America honors in 2002. Named first-team Class 5A All-State by the Denver Post.				
Stephone Robinson	WR	5'9"	180	Denver, CO
Caught 35 passes for 896 yards and eight TDs in 2002. Earned first-team Class 5A All-State honors from the Denver Post.				
Chris Russell	DB	6'3"	185	Nashville, TN
Rated the No. 1 DB in the state by SuperPrep. Named to the PrepStar All-America team as a senior.				
Joe Sanders	TE	6'4"	220	Nashville, TN
Ranked the No. 34 TE in the country by Rivals.com. Caught 25 passes for 480 yards and seven TDs as a senior.				
Lorenzo Sims	DB	5'11"	185	Fresno, CA
A first-team all-state performer in 2002. Recorded 106 tackles, 11 TFLs and seven INTs as a senior.				
Dusty Sprague	WR	6'4"	180	Holyoke, CO
A first-team Class 1A All-State pick by the Rocky Mountain News. Rushed for 1,340 yards and 25 TDs as a RB.				
McKenzie Tilmon	DT	6'4"	315	Irving, TX
A PrepStar JC Top 125 performer in 2002. Played two seasons at NE Oklahoma A&M. Played noseguard as a sophomore.				
Terry Washington	RB	5'11"	185	St. Louis, MO
Earned All-Midland Honors from SuperPrep. Rushed for 2,230 yards and 27 TDs in 2002.				
Terrence Wheatley	DB	6'0"	175	Richardson, TX
Ranked among the Top 60 CBs in the country by Rivals.com. Recorded 82 tackles and five INTs as a senior.				
Brian White	QB	6'5"	220	Mission Viejo, CA
Threw for 2,006 yards and 16 TDs as a senior. Earned PrepStar All-America honors in 2002. Ranked among the Top 70 prospects in the state according to Rivals.com.				

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR	80	Derek McCoy (Sr.)	4	Ron Monteilh (Jr.)
WR	85	John Donahoe (Sr.)	88	D.J. Hackett (Sr.)
ST	73	Clint O'Neal (So.)	65	Del Scales (Fr.)
SG	69	Karl Allis (Sr.)	63	Jack Tipton (Fr.)
C	58	Mark Fenton (Fr.)	52	Derek Stemrich (Jr.)
TT	62	Marwan Hage (Sr.)	72	Drew Shader (Fr.)
TG	79	Gary Moore (So.)	75	Frederick Staugh (Fr.)
TE	45	Quinn Sypniewski (Sr.)	86	Jesse Wallace (Jr.)
QB	14	Joel Klatt (So.)	10	James Cox (Fr.)
TB	42	Bobby Purify (Sr.)	2	Brian Calhoun (So.)
FB	34	Lawrence Vickers (So.)	32	J.P. diZerega (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE	97	Gabe Nyenhuis (Sr.)	60	Matt McChesney (Jr.)
DT	94	DeAndre Fluellen (Sr.)	96	Marcus Jones (Fr.)
DT	90	Sam Wilder (Jr.)	98	Brandon Dabdoub (Jr.)
DE	30	Marques Harris (Sr.)	51	Alex Ligon (Fr.)
ILB	54	Sean Tufts (Sr.)	50	Chris Hollis (So.)
ILB	49	Thaddeus Washington (Fr.)	14	Travis Berry (Fr.)
CB	1	Sammy Joseph (Fr.)	19	A.J. Anderson (So.)
CB	6	Phil Jackson (Sr.)	19	Allen Mackey (Jr.)
SS	12	Akarika Dawn (So.)	35	Omar Stewart (Sr.)
WS	20	Clyde Surrell (Sr.)	27	Brian Iwuh (So.)
FS	17	Medford Moorer (Sr.)	5	J.J. Billingsley (So.)

Special Teams

K	39	Kevin Eberhart (Fr.)
P	29	John Torp (So.)
KR	2	Brian Calhoun (So.)
PR	15	Jeremy Bloom (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Joel Klatt, 0-3-0-0, 0 TDs
Rushing: Bobby Purify, 132 car., 739 yds., 3 TDs
Receiving: Derek McCoy, 41 rec., 643 yds., 7 TDs
Scoring: Derek McCoy, 7 TDs, 2.2-pt. conversions, 46 points
Punting: John Torp, 3 punts, 49.3 avg.
Kicking: J.T. Eberly, 0-0 FGs, 1-1 XPs, 1 point
Tackles: Medford Moorer, 120, 81 solo
Tackles for loss: Marques Harris, 10 for 26 yds.
Sacks: Sam Wilder, 5
Interceptions: Medford Moorer, 4 for 84 yds.
Kickoff returns: Brian Calhoun, 6 ret., 13.2 avg.
Punt returns: Jeremy Bloom, 23 ret., 14.9 avg.

2002 Results

A.	31	@Colorado State	L	14-19
S.	7	San Diego State	W	34-14
S.	14	USC	L	3-40
S.	21	at UCLA	W	31-17
O.	5	Kansas State	W	35-31
O.	12	at Kansas	W	53-29
O.	19	Baylor	W	34-0
O.	26	Texas Tech	W	37-13
N.	2	at Oklahoma	L	11-27
N.	9	at Missouri	W	42-35
N.	16	Iowa State	W	41-27
N.	29	at Nebraska	W	28-13
D.	7	Oklahoma	L	7-29
D.	28	#Wisconsin	L	28-31
#Alamo Bowl @ Denver, CO				



There were no complaints last December when Iowa State accepted an invitation to its school-record third straight bowl game. But after starting 6-1 and entering the Top 10, the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho, wasn't exactly the trip the Cyclones had in mind.

With another difficult schedule to deal with this year — although most of the toughies are at home — it won't be easy for Iowa State to make it four postseasons in a row.

Coach Dan McCarney must replace sensational quarterback Seneca Wallace and a handful of other senior leaders, but he welcomes back the core of his team.

At the forefront of the minds of many players and coaches is putting 2002's disappointing 1-6 finish behind them.

"We didn't like the way we finished obviously," McCarney says. "We accomplished a lot of good things last year but we want to finish strong. We want to start fast this year and finish strong and hopefully have some choices of some places to go at the end of the season."

quarterbacks

The battle to replace Seneca Wallace is in the hands of three players: juniors Cris Love and Wayne Terry and redshirt fresh-

man Austin Flynn. Love is the most experienced of the group; he appeared in four games last year as Wallace's backup. He knows the offense best but lacks some of the athletic ability his challengers possess.

"I've had competition ever since seventh grade," Love says. "It's good for you. Makes you work harder."

Terry is billed as a bigger version of Wallace. He threw for 2,249 yards and 28 touchdowns and had 410 rushing yards at Foothill (Calif.) College in 2001. Terry missed the final few weeks of spring practice after breaking the thumb on his throwing hand. He is expected to be fully recovered in time for preseason practice.

Flynn, like Terry, is a dual-threat quarterback who can hurt opponents with his arm and legs.

The three quarterbacks will continue their battle for the starting assignment well into fall camp.

running backs

This is another position where multiple people have a shot at the starting job. Hiawatha Rutland, Michael Wagner and Brian Thompson combined for 1,461 yards last year, but for the first time in seven years the Cyclones did not boast a 1,000-yard rusher.

Nagging injuries and a youthful offensive line made it difficult to run the ball.

Big 12 North Prediction: 5th

National Forecast: #52

Rutland and Wagner saw most of the carries, while Thompson, the most gifted runner of the bunch, played well in limited duty last season.

McCarney has said it's going to take a lot to keep redshirt freshman Stevie Hicks off the field. The 6'2", 210-pound Hicks was plucked from Omaha, Neb., which is normally fertile recruiting ground for Nebraska.

"Stevie Hicks has got about as much talent as any back we've had here," McCarney says.

Coaches are high on 6'4", 242-pound fullback Ryan Kock, who moved over from linebacker after redshirting as a freshman.

receivers

The new quarterback will have the luxury of throwing to a veteran corps of receivers. Headlining the group is senior Lane Danielsen, who set a single-season school record last year with 1,073 yards on 63 catches. He's easily on pace to break some ISU career marks by the time he's done.

Fellow seniors Lance Young and Jamaul Montgomery will help stretch the field for Danielsen and the dependable Jack Whitver. Young considered declaring himself eligible for the NFL Draft after last season but decided against it.



Scott Boehm

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Fourth Straight Bowl

Iowa State's hopes of making it to a record fourth straight bowl game hinge on the quarterback position. The Cyclones may decide to hand the ball off a bit more than they did with Seneca Wallace at the controls, but whoever gets the starting nod must become a playmaker immediately. The offensive line is miles ahead of where it was a year ago, and the receiving corps is the best the school has ever seen. Iowa State's defense lacks an experienced middle, which could be its downfall. But the secondary is solid, as is the front four, led by veteran tackle Jordan Carstens. If everything comes together defensively, the Cyclones' skill players should be able to put the ball in the end zone enough to keep them in every game, even against what could be a brutal schedule. That is, of course, if the guy behind center steps up.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Northern Iowa	W
S. 6 Ohio	W
S. 13 Iowa	*
S. 27 at Northern Illinois	W
O. 4 Oklahoma	L
O. 11 at Texas Tech	*
O. 18 Texas	L
O. 25 at Nebraska	L
N. 1 at Missouri	L
N. 8 Kansas State	L
N. 15 Colorado	L
N. 22 at Kansas	W

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Jamaul Montgomery: Five TDs on 36 receptions in '02.



Lane Danielson



Jordan Carstens

Speedy freshman Jon Davis has bulked up some and also could see time.

Tight end has not been a position utilized much in the passing game. Brett Kellogg emerged from spring practice as the starter.

22 The difference in scoring in Iowa State's first seven games of 2002 (39.9) and its last seven (17.9) was a disheartening 22 points per game.

offensive linemen

Iowa State's line play wasn't as bad as it seemed at times last year, but the standard it had to live up to didn't help ease the pain.

Now those players who had yet to start a game until the opener are in far better shape. Second-team All-Big 12 center Zach Butler is a big loss, but veteran guard Bob Montgomery returns. Luke Vander Sanden is finally healthy and takes Butler's place at center after ankle and leg injuries kept him out of all but two games a year ago. The big question mark is at right guard, where redshirt freshman Seth Zehr and true freshman Aaron Brant are going at it.

"He has a chance to be an awfully good player," offensive line coach Marty Fine says of Brant.

defensive linemen

Improvement along the defensive front has been slow but steady. Still undersized compared to much of the Big 12, the Cyclones are getting

bigger and stronger.

Defensive tackle Jordan Carstens is the cornerstone in the middle of the line, many times taking up two blockers by himself. At 6'5" 303 pounds, the senior is as difficult to contain as any interior lineman in the conference.

"He is a dominant football player," McCarney says.

Carstens will get some help from noseguard Nick Leaders, who started last year as a freshman. Cephus Johnson will start at one end, while on the other side Tyson Smith has proven himself to be a good pass rusher. He had six sacks and 11 tackles for a loss in 2002.

linebackers

Long-time starters Matt Word and Jeremy Loyd, who combined for 242

tackles last season, will be missed. Brandon Brown moves to the middle in place of Word. After that, it's a matter of who's healthy.

Projected strong-side starter Chris Whitaker sat out his second spring in three years due to injury. Converted fullback Joe Woodley is opposite Whitaker on the outside. Several young players could see playing time here, depending on the situation. Quick-moving, hard-hitting Nik Moser will be tough to keep off the field, but the former safety is in his first season at linebacker and needs to put on some weight.

defensive backs

ISU coaches won't have to worry about a talent shortage in the secondary. Both the starters and backups have seen considerable playing time for what has become possibly the team's biggest strength.

Anthony Forrest moves to cornerback from free safety to make room for playmakers Marc Timmons and Steve Paris. Converted tailback JaMaine Billups was a huge surprise last season at strong safety, earning third-team All-Big 12 honors. He made 97 tackles in his first season on defense since high school.

RIISING STAR

Aaron Brant is a good bet to start at guard as a true freshman. The 6'7", 296-pound behemoth, who graduated high school early and enrolled for the spring semester, put on 20 pounds in his first three months in the program.

Ellis Hobbs is the starter at right corner, while seniors Harold Clewis and Johnny Smith will provide backup.

specialists

Not long ago, the kicking game was a roll of the dice, but it has become a pretty sure bet of late. And the man responsible is Adam Benike, who was remarkably consistent last season as a junior and earned first-team All-Big 12 recognition.

Tony Yelk had both the placekicking and punting jobs at the start of last season and lost them both by the time it was finished. The junior has the strongest leg on the team but has had trouble pulling it all together mentally. Yelk and Troy Blankenship could split time punting.

The Cyclones improved what was the Big 12's worst return unit in 2001, but there's still work to be done. Pint-sized speedster Todd Miller returned a pair of punts for touchdowns last year, but kickoff returners yielded just 17.7 yards per return, second-worst in the conference.

Outside the Huddle

Walk on Nearly 40 walk-ons have earned scholarships since Dan McCarney took over in 1995. At least five of them (Lane Danielsen, Jack Whitver, Jordan Carstens, Adam Benike and Casey Baldwin) will be starters this season.

Streaking Iowa State owns five consecutive victories over hated in-state rival Iowa, its longest streak in the series. Iowa had won 15 in a row from 1983 to 1997, but the Cyclones have ruled since, winning three of those games on the road.

Home show After a downright brutal road slate last year, the Cyclones have home-field advantage on their side in 2003. Five of ISU's seven opponents who played in bowl games last year visit Jack Trice Stadium.

One and done Iowa State has just one win over a team ranked in the Associated Press Top 25 under McCarney, a 36-14 victory over No. 20 Nebraska last season.

Mo' money Football programs are the breadwinners for athletic departments across the country. With added ticket sales, television appearances and the general excitement surrounding the Cyclones, football revenue at ISU has increased by nearly \$5 million since 1999.

Up for grabs More so than in the past, a host of starting positions on offense and defense were there for the taking this spring. "There's a lot more talent here than in the past," tailback Michael Wagner says. "Since I've been here there was always one guy who you knew would get the job. Now there's three or four guys lined up waiting for you to mess up."

2003 Iowa State Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

7-7
4-4

Head Coach
Dan McCarney

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
27	Alumbaugh, Brent	DB	5'8"	170	Fr.	Linden, IA
58	Anderson, Erik	LB	6'0"	224	Jr.	Eden Prairie, MN
2	Bakker, Gabe	DB	5'10"	195	Jr.	Dike, IA
19	Baldwin, Casey	P/H	6'2"	211	Sr.	Perry, IA
13	Banks-Burse, David	WR	5'8"	172	Sr.	Culver City, CA
60	Barghusen, John	OL	6'3"	250	Fr.	Madison, WI
48	Baum, Ryan	WR	5'9"	175	Fr.	Gilbert, IA
15	Bebout, Broc	DB	5'9"	187	So.	Thurman, IA
49	Benike, Adam	PK	5'10"	230	Sr.	Rochester, MN
6	Billups, JaMaine	DB	5'9"	202	Sr.	Omaha, NE
24	Blankenship, Troy	P/K	6'0"	196	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
79	Bocks, Matt	OL/LS	6'0"	284	Sr.	Grundy Center, IA
74	Boehm, Wade	DL	6'3"	260	So.	Greenfield, IA
75	Brant, Aaron	OL	6'7"	307	Fr.	Cuba City, WI
33	Brown, Brandon	LB	5'10"	229	Jr.	Houston, TX
26	Buchanan, Jamar	LB	6'1"	224	So.	Dolton, IL
32	Buesing, Chris	LB	6'0"	226	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
31	Campbell, Chris	LB	6'0"	220	Fr.	Iowa City, IA
92	Carstens, Jordan	DL	6'5"	303	Sr.	Bagley, IA
98	Christianson, Jon	K	5'7"	165	Fr.	Lamberton, MN
64	Claussen, Trent	OL	6'4"	300	Fr.	Bettendorf, IA
16	Clewis, Harold	DB	5'8"	193	Sr.	Missouri City, TX
82	Danielsen, Lane	WR	6'0"	192	Sr.	Dike, IA
81	Davis, Jon	WR	6'3"	191	Fr.	Papillion, NE
62	Egbers, Johannes	OL	6'2"	282	So.	Clinton, IA
8	Flynn, Austin	QB	6'1"	186	Fr.	Deer Park, TX
17	Forrest, Anthony	DB	6'0"	192	Jr.	Ft. Worth, TX
73	Frank, Dan	OL	6'4"	325	Jr.	Norwalk, IA
38	Gibbs, Rusty	LB	6'4"	210	Fr.	Diamond, MO
27	Hicks, Jr., Stevie	RB	6'2"	210	Fr.	Omaha, NE
11	Hobbs, Ellis	DB	5'7"	183	Jr.	DeSoto, TX
35	Jason, Quinton	LB	6'0"	224	Fr.	Harvey, LA
43	Johnson, Cephus	DL	6'2"	245	So.	Palm Bch. Gardens, FL
25	Jones, Christopher	DE	5'10"	200	Fr.	Houston, TX
38	Kellogg, Brett	TE	6'2"	252	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
95	Klafke, Beau	DL	6'3"	262	Fr.	Hubbard, IA
22	Klith, T.J.	WR	5'8"	198	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
31	Koch, Ryan	FB	6'4"	242	Fr.	Lohrville, IA
87	Kohler, Andy	WR	6'4"	210	Jr.	Ames, IA
63	Kuhr, Craig	OL	6'7"	240	Fr.	Bastrop, TX
51	Leaders, Andy	LB	6'2"	271	Jr.	Omaha, NE
66	Leaders, Nick	DL	6'2"	290	So.	Omaha, NE
42	Linder, Nick	DB	5'10"	187	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
16	Love, Jr., Kris	QB	6'5"	214	Jr.	Round Rock, TX
52	Lutter, Brian	OL/LS	5'10"	263	Jr.	W. Des Moines, IA
78	Menard, Collin	OL	6'3"	302	Sr.	W. Des Moines, IA
5	Miller, Todd	WR	5'8"	175	Jr.	Mt. Pleasant, IA
65	Montgomery, Bob	OL	6'2"	306	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
83	Montgomery, Jamaul	WR	6'0"	197	Sr.	Long Beach, CA

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
40	Moorehead, Shawn	LB	6'3"	221	Fr.	Mason City, IA
53	Morris II, Jimmy	LB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Dallas, TX
9	Moser, Nik	LB	6'0"	196	So.	Ft. Dodge, IA
96	Nelson, Brent	DL	6'3"	290	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
76	O'Hollearn, Chris	OL	6'4"	257	So.	Johnston, IA
3	Ollie, Bryan	DB	5'8"	178	Sr.	Des Moines, IA
8	Paris, Steve	DB	6'1"	193	So.	Dallas, TX
72	Pence, Kory	OL	6'4"	311	So.	Story City, IA
20	Poullard, Jr., Henry	DB	5'8"	166	Jr.	La Porte, TX
12	Rahe, David	DB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Dyersville, IA
89	Rasberry, Rashaad	DL	6'3"	243	So.	Missouri City, TX
21	Richardson, Brook	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	Fairfield, IA
56	Richardson, Shaheed	DL	6'4"	267	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
54	Robertson, Matthew	LB	6'1"	224	Fr.	Sunrise, FL
12	Rutland, Hiawatha	RB	6'0"	202	Sr.	Bradenton, FL
49	Schrage, Landon	DE	6'4"	223	So.	Parkburg, IA
57	Scott, Walker	LB	5'9"	204	Fr.	Salix, IA
85	Segin, Kenny	TE	6'4"	255	Jr.	Ankeny, IA
71	Shelton, Casey	OL	6'5"	295	Sr.	W. Des Moines, IA
90	Shoals, Klayton	DL	6'3"	270	Fr.	Texarkana, TX
10	Smith, Johnny	DB	5'11"	170	Sr.	Bradenton, FL
29	Smith, Corey	DL	6'4"	232	Fr.	Kirkwood, MO
44	Smith, Kyle	LB	6'2"	227	Fr.	Kirkwood, MO
1	Smith, Tyson	DL	6'2"	242	Sr.	Des Moines, IA
38	Snyder, Eric	WR	5'7"	155	So.	Lake City, IA
41	Soltis, Marc	LB	6'1"	232	Fr.	LeClaire, IA
33	Stanley, Scott	FB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Panora, IA
53	Stubbe, Cale	OL	6'3"	302	Jr.	Cedar Falls, IA
91	TeBrink, Tim	DL	6'3"	284	Jr.	Alton, IA
9	Terry, Wayne	QB	6'3"	207	Jr.	Valley City, ND
7	Thompson, Brian	RB	5'7"	190	So.	Plantation, FL
18	Timmons, Marc	DB	5'8"	162	Sr.	Bradenton, FL
94	Van Cleave, Caleb	DL	6'2"	285	Jr.	Ft. Dodge, IA
67	Vander Sanden, Luke	OL	6'2"	305	Jr.	Inwood, IA
3	Van Winkle, Kyle	QB	6'6"	185	Fr.	Story City, IA
46	Viers, Boyd	LB	6'1"	223	So.	Omaha, NE
4	Wagner, Michael	RB	5'7"	188	Sr.	West Covina, CA
40	Walters, Derek	FB	5'10"	235	Sr.	Sioux City, IA
39	Weisberg, Mark	RB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Blairsburg, IA
53	Wendel, Aaron	LB	6'1"	210	Sr.	Rhodes, IA
47	Whitaker, Chris	LB	5'10"	232	Sr.	East St. Louis, IL
26	Whitver, Jack	WR	5'10"	183	Sr.	Grinnell, IA
77	Wierson, Cory	OL	6'5"	298	Fr.	Wauke, IA
7	Wierson, Mike	WR	5'10"	170	Fr.	Maxwell, IA
45	Woodley, Joe	LB	5'10"	227	Sr.	W. Des Moines, IA
86	Wright III, James	TE	6'3"	258	Jr.	Houston, TX
14	Yelk, Tony	P/K	6'0"	201	Jr.	Arlington, WI
80	Young, Lance	WR	6'0"	181	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
58	Zehr, Seth	OL	6'5"	271	Fr.	Ft. Dodge, IA

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Steve Allen	LB	6'1"	210	Delray Beach, FL
Rated the No. 44 prospect in the state by the <i>Orlando Sentinel</i> . Played on a defense that gave up only 177.8 yards per game.				
Bon Barkema	TE	6'4"	235	Muscataine, IA
Caught 35 passes for 480 yards and seven TDs. Named to the first-team Class 4A All-State squad as a senior.				
Caleb Berg	S	6'1"	192	Henderson, NE
Named to the SuperPrep All-Midlands team. Selected to the all-state team by the <i>Omaha World-Herald</i> in 2002.				
Jason Berryman	DE	6'2"	230	Houston, TX
Earned first-team all-conference honors as both a TE and punter. Named Defensive MVP for Class 22-4A as a senior.				
Todd Blythe	WR	6'5"	200	Indianola, IA
Named Class 4A Player of the Year by the Iowa Coaches Association. Caught 150 passes and 25 TDs during his prep career.				
Aaron Brant	OL	6'7"	295	Cuba City, WI
Named first-team all-conference and all-state as a senior. Enrolled at Iowa State in January 2003 and participated in spring practice.				
Brandon Cook	OL	6'6"	335	Garner, IA
Ranked among the Top 75 OTs in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Earned SuperPrep All-Midland Region honors as a senior.				
Brent Curvey	DL	6'0"	288	Houston, TX
A team captain and all-district selection as a senior. Tallied 56 tackles and eight TFLs in 2002.				
Nick Davidson	OL	6'4"	265	Hurst, TX
Named second-team all-district and all-county as a senior. Finished prep career with 20 TFLs.				
Dominique Flower	DB	6'1"	200	St. Petersburg, FL
A second-team All-Suncoast honoree. Played in the Pinellas All-Star Football Classic as a senior.				
Josh Griebahn	K	5'8"	188	West Branch, IA
Named first-team all-state by the Iowa Newspaper Association. Holds the school record for longest FG (43 yards).				
DeAndre Jackson	DB	6'0"	180	Garland, TX
Combined for over 800 yards of total offense as a dual-threat QB. Named game MVP of the Tom Landry Classic as a senior.				
Nate Mechaelsen	OL	6'3"	190	Kamrar, IA
An all-state performer as a prep. Holds eight school passing records. Also an all-state basketball standout.				
Bret Meyer	QB	6'3"	190	Atlantic, IA
Passed for 2,000 yards and 20 TDs as a senior. Led Atlantic High School to a Class 3A state championship. Named state finals MVP as a senior.				
Milan Moses	WR	6'2"	195	Waterloo, IA
Earned all-state, all-metro and all-conference honors as a senior. Named team MVP following the 2002 season.				
Ron Prelow	LB	6'1"	225	Tampa, FL
Recorded 10 tackles in the 2002 Class 4A state championship game. Attended Jefferson High School.				
Matt Scherbring	DL	6'3"	325	Oelwein, IA
A first-team all-state as a senior. Named team Defensive MVP as a senior.				
Tom Schmeling	OL	6'4"	285	Atlantic, IA
Played both OT and DT on Atlantic High School's 13-0 Class 3A championship team. Named to the all-state elite team.				
Bastian Schober	OL	6'3"	302	Granbury, TX
Played both OG and DT as a prep. A second-team all-state selection on offense. Recorded 54 tackles and three sacks in 2002.				
Taylor Schrage	LB	6'2"	200	Parkersburg, IA
Owns the school record for career rushing yards with 3,983. Missed a majority of 2002 season with a torn ACL.				
Kurtis Taylor	LB	6'2"	210	Fort Dodge, IA
Rushed for 664 yards and seven TDs as a senior. Named first-team all-conference as a RB. Team captain as a senior.				
Brandon Tinlin	TE	6'4"	230	San Diego, CA
Named second-team Northern Nevada in 2002. Caught 19 passes for 355 yards as a senior.				
John Tjaden	OL	6'7"	285	Mason City, IA
Rated the No. 33 OT in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Named to both the SuperPrep All-America squad as a senior.				
Anthony Walker	OL	6'3"	300	Oklahoma City, OK
A second-team all-state pick as a senior. Named the state heavyweight powerlifting champion.				
Mike West	RB	6'1"	195	Citra, FL
Named Class 3A Player of the Year. Rushed for 1,600 yards and 15 TDs in 2002. Named team MVP as a senior. Rated the No. 35 ATH in the country by <i>Rivals.com</i> .				
James Wright	TE	6'3"	255	Houston, TX
Caught seven passes for 175 and two TDs as a sophomore at Kilgore (TX) JC. Enrolled early to participate in spring practice.				

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	26	Jack Whitver (Sr.)	80	Lance Young (Sr.)
FL	83	Jamaul Montgomery (Sr.)	81	Jon Davis (Fr.)
WR	82	Lane Danielsens (Sr.)	5	Todd Miller (Jr.)
LT	71	Casey Shelton (Sr.)	62	Johannes Egbers (So.)
LG	65	Bob Montgomery (Sr.)	78	Collin Menard (Sr.)
C	67	Luke Vander Sanden (Jr.)	79	Matt Bocks (Sr.)
RG	75	Aaron Brant (Fr.)	58	Seth Zehr (Fr.)
RT	53	Cale Stubbe (Jr.)	76	Chris O'Hollearn (So.)
TE	36	Brett Kellogg (Jr.)	85	Kenny Segin (Jr.)
QB	16	Cris Love Jr. (Jr.)	8	Austin Flynn (Fr.)
TB	12	Hiawatha Rutland (Sr.)	4	Michael Wagner (Sr.)
FB *	31	Ryan Kock (Fr.)	40	Derek Walters (Sr.)

Defense (7)

DE	1	Tyson Smith (Sr.)	29	Korey Smith (Fr.)
DT	92	Jordan Carstens (Sr.)	91	Tim TeBrink (Jr.)
NG	66	Nick Leaders (So.)	90	Klayton Shoals (Fr.)
DE	43	Cephus Johnson (So.)	89	Rashaad Rasberry (So.)
SLB	9	Nik Moser (So.)	47	Chris Whitaker (Sr.)
MLB	33	Brandon Brown (Jr.)	44	Kyle Smith (Fr.)
WLB	45	Joe Woodley (Sr.)	54	Matthew Robertson (Fr.)
CB	17	Anthony Forrest (Jr.)	16	Harold Clewis (Sr.)
CB	11	Ellis Hobbs (Jr.)	10	Johnny Smith (Sr.)
SS	6	JaMaine Billups (Sr.)	2	Gabe Bakker (Jr.)
FS	18	Marc Timmons (Sr.)	8	Steve Paris (So.)

Special Teams

K	49	Adam Benike (Sr.)
P	14	Tony Yelk (Jr.)
KR	80	Lance Young (Sr.)
PR	5	Todd Miller (Jr.)

*The 12 offensive positions represent Iowa State's multiple formations.
(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Cris Love, 5-10-62-0, 1 TD
Rushing: Hiawatha Rutland, 160 car., 614 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Lane Danielsens, 63 rec., 1,073 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Adam Benike, 17 FGs, 46 XPs, 97 points
Punting: Tony Yelk, 46 punts, 42.3 avg.
Kicking: Adam Benike, 17-23 FGs, 46-48 XPs, 97 points
Tackles: Brandon Brown, 136, 91 solo
Tackles for loss: Jordan Carstens, 13 for 53 yds.
Sacks: Tyson Smith, 6, Brandon Brown, 6
Interceptions: Ellis Hobbs, 2 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Lance Young, 28 ret., 21.1 avg.
Punt returns: Todd Miller, 37 ret., 9.8 avg.

2002 Results

A. 24	Florida State	L	31-38
A. 31	Kansas	W	45-3
S. 7	Tennessee Tech	W	58-6
S. 14	at Iowa	W	36-31
S. 21	Troy State	W	42-12
S. 28	Nebraska	W	36-14
O. 12	Texas Tech	W	31-17
O. 19	at Oklahoma	L	3-49
O. 26	at Texas	L	10-21
N. 2	Missouri	W	42-35
N. 9	at Kansas State	L	7-58
N. 16	at Colorado	L	27-41
N. 23	Connecticut	L	20-37
D. 31	#Boise State	L	16-34
#Humanitarian Bowl			



Even after a 2-10 finish in 2002, Kansas coach Mark Mangino is absolutely certain his Jayhawks will be one of the top teams in the Big 12 this year.

Not in terms of talent, mind you. He's talking about attitude. "The kids that are here with us now have a tremendous work ethic," Mangino says. "Last year we had to coach effort. That isn't the case anymore."

It's a good thing, Mangino, after all, has plenty of other problems to worry about. One year after going 0-8 in league play, Kansas again appears destined for another last-place finish in the Big 12 North.

It's not that the Jayhawks are lacking in talent. Senior quarterback Bill Whittemore is one of the more underrated players in the nation, while offensive tackle Adrian Jones and linebacker Banks Floodman could contend for all-conference honors.

Instead, the problem lies with Kansas' depth. The Jayhawks will rely on 13 junior college signees — a sign of a desperate program — to fill some of the holes that Mangino inherited when he took over for the fired Terry Allen prior to last season.

Still, Mangino has turned the once lazy, self-doubting Jayhawks into a hard-

working group of believers. With a soft schedule and seasoned signal-caller in Whittemore, anything could happen — if, of course, Kansas' signees pan out.

quarterbacks

No junior college transfer made a better impression last season than Whittemore, who earned Big 12 Offensive Newcomer of the Year honors.

Whittemore passed for 1,666 yards in 2002 before suffering a season-ending knee injury in week nine. His biggest attribute is his poise. He eludes the pass rush as well as anyone and rarely makes a poor decision by trying to force a pass. Whittemore is also a threat to run, having gained 549 yards in 2002.

"He could be one of the top quarterbacks in the country by the end of the year," Mangino says.

Mangino, though, would like to decrease Whittemore's carries. The 6'0", 205-pound quarterback took some vicious hits a year ago — including the one that cut his season short.

With no proven backup, an injury to Whittemore would all but end Kansas' season.

running backs

Clark Green may not be as talented as some of the Big 12's top backs, but his

Big 12 North Prediction: 6th

National Forecast: #93

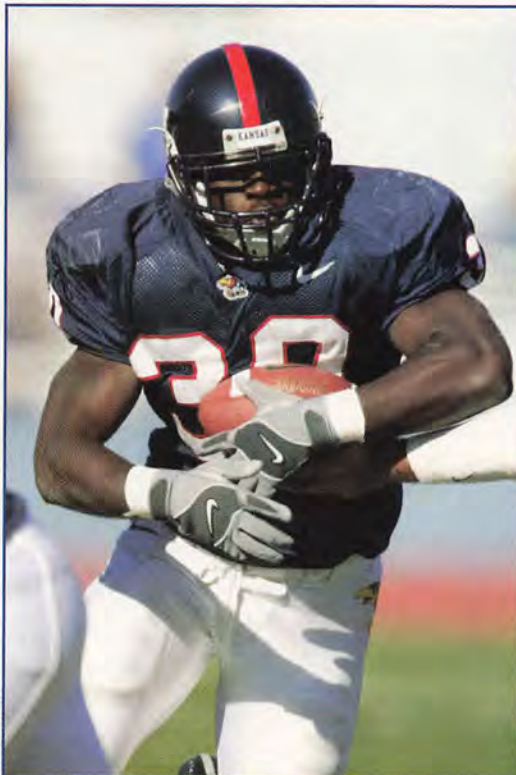
toughness has made him one of Mangino's favorite players. Green, for instance, carried 29 times in the 2002 finale against Oklahoma State. He also finished second on the team with 37 receptions and often played through injuries.

While strength and grit aren't problems for the 205-pound bruiser, speed and elusiveness definitely are. Besides Whittemore, Green was basically Kansas' only ground threat in 2002. He should get some help this year with the emergence of freshmen Jerome Kemp and Jon Cornish, both of whom red-shirted last year.

receivers

The graduation of Bryon Gasaway and Marcellus Jones has left Kansas with an inexperienced group of pass catchers. Junior Brandon Rideau has played in 19 games over the last two years but has yet to fully blossom. Back problems limited speedy senior Derick Mills during the spring, and Purdue transfer Gary Heagans hasn't played in a game since 2001.

Thus, the Jayhawks may call on a couple of pups to be their top receivers this year. Mark Simmons was called on for duty as a true freshman in 2002, when he made 23 catches for 280 yards. Simmons was clearly KU's top receiver after spring



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Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Escaping the Cellar

For Kansas, success this season will depend on the performance of a recruiting class that includes 13 junior college transfers. And only two of the transfers enrolled in January and went through spring drills. The Jayhawks could surprise some people on defense, where newcomers John McCoy and Gabe Toomey are expected to make an immediate impact at linebacker. Kansas, however, must figure out a way to improve its laughable secondary. If that happens, quarterback Bill Whittemore is good enough to take advantage of an easy non-conference schedule and make this team a dangerous one. Things could get ugly in the brutal Big 12, though, if Whittemore gets hurt. It looks as if Kansas' best chance to give coach Mark Mangino his first Big 12 win comes when Baylor visits Lawrence on Oct. 18.

2003 Schedule

A. 30 Northwestern	*
S. 6 UNLV	L
S. 13 at Wyoming	*
S. 20 Jacksonville State	W
S. 27 Missouri	L
O. 11 at Colorado	L
O. 18 Baylor	*
O. 25 at Kansas State	L
N. 1 at Texas A&M	L
N. 8 Nebraska	L
N. 15 at Oklahoma State	L
N. 22 Iowa State	L

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Clark Green: 813 rushing yards, 37 receptions in 2002

Chris Covatta



Bill Whittemore



Chris Covatta

Travis Watkins

drills. Coaches are also excited about redshirt freshman Charles Gordon, who uses speed to make up for his lack of size (165 pounds).

Also, for the first times in ages, the tight end will be one of the Jayhawks' top receiving targets. Mangino wants to use junior college transfer Lyonel Anderson — who participated in spring drills — the same way he did Oklahoma's Trent Smith when Mangino was the Sooners' offensive coordinator.

offensive linemen

Jayhawk ball carriers averaged just 3.2 yards per touch behind a line that yielded 33 sacks in 2002. Things can't get much worse. Four starters are gone from the unit, and the one returnee, tackle Tony Coker, has back problems.

14 Kansas has lost 14 consecutive Big 12 games. The Jayhawks are 1-15 in conference play over the last two seasons, including 0-8 under Mangino.

Mangino is thrilled about the emergence of Adrian Jones, a 6'5", 260-pound former tight end who moved into the trenches in the spring. "All he has to do is put on 12-15 pounds of lean body weight over the summer, and I really, truly believe that he will have a great chance to play at the next level," Mangino says.

More than any area, the offensive line is where the Jayhawks will require help from junior college transfers such as Joe Vaughn,

who locked down the starting center job during the spring. Look for Richard Estrella and Johnny Urrutia to provide immediate help when they arrive in August.

defensive linemen

Like the offensive line, this is another position that could be affected by junior college transfers. Defensive tackle Travis Watkins returns but other than that, spots are up for grabs.

Mangino was thrilled to sign defensive end Monroe Weekley out of Arizona Western College. Weekley began his collegiate career at Pittsburgh before transferring. Newcomers Chuck Jones and Zach Mims are also expected to battle returning starter David McMillan for playing time at the end position.

Tim Allen returns at nosetackle, but his job is hardly safe.

linebackers

Besides quarterback, this could end up being Kansas' most talented position. The biggest reason for that is the return of outside linebacker Banks Floodman, who redshirted last year after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament in the season opener. The agile Floodman put on 15 pounds in the off-season and now weighs about 235.

Look for highly touted signees Gabe Toomey and John McCoy to make a quick impact. Toomey, an outside linebacker, spent a season at Oklahoma before transferring to Iowa Central Community College, where he earned All-America honors. McCoy, who plays in the middle, is an NFL prospect who made 114 tackles for Victor Valley (Calif.) Community College last year.

Returnees Brandon Perkins and Kevin Kane had strong springs, as well.

defensive backs

The linebacking unit is so strong that Nick Reid, the Jayhawks' leading returning tackler, has been moved to strong safety, where he used the spring to wrestle the starting job away from

RISING STAR

Junior college transfer **John McCoy** may wind up being the gem of Kansas' recruiting class. A 6'3", 250-pound linebacker, McCoy finished his sophomore season at Victor Valley (Calif.) College with 114 tackles, including 45 for lost yardage, and 10.5 sacks.

Zach Dyer. Tony Stubbs has a grasp on the free safety position for now, but junior college transfer Markeith Childress could change that.

The cornerback position gave KU the most trouble in 2002, with starters Remuise Johnson and Donnie Amadi continuously getting burned. Both players return, but they'll be pushed by junior college transfers Shelton Simmons and Marcus Hicks. True freshman John Randle, the second-rated recruit in all of Kansas, could also be a factor if Mangino uses him as a corner rather than a tailback.

"I'm tired of seeing a guy catch the ball and then someone trying to tackle him," Mangino said. "We've got to contest the pass."

specialists

A stellar freshman campaign in 2001 led to a Lou Groza Award nomination for kicker Johnny Beck, who responded by making only 7-of-17 field goals as a sophomore last season. Mangino sent Beck a message by signing high school phenom Scott Webb, who connected on 74-of-76 career extra points at Tulsa's Union High School.

Punter Curtis Ansel returns after a season that saw him named one of 10 finalists for the Ray Guy Punter of the Year award. Ansel averaged 42.2 yards per kick in 2002.

Sophomore kick returner Greg Heaggans is back after setting a KU single-season record with 691 return yards last season.

Outside the Huddle

Grounded The Jayhawks' dismal running game should get a boost with the addition of new offensive line coach Ed Warinner, who spent the previous three seasons at Air Force. Under Warinner's guidance, the Falcons won the 2002 national rushing title by averaging 307.8 ground yards per game.

Deadlocked This year's Border War battle between KU and Missouri should be interesting, considering the all-time series stands at 51-51-9.

See ya Safety Johnny McCoy, who made 70 tackles for the Jayhawks last season, has transferred to Southwest Texas State.

Welcome Defensive back Kenneth Thompson, a member of KU's 2002 signing class, missed last season while working to become academically eligible. He enrolled for 2003 spring semester and went through off-season workouts with the Jayhawks.

Brotherly love Three sets of brothers are listed on this year's roster: Greg and Gary Heaggans, Josh and Cullen Homolka and Donnie and Ronnie Amadi. The Amadi brothers are identical twins.

2003 Kansas Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
90	Allen, Tim	DT	6'1"	260	So.	Dallas, TX
26	Amadi, Donnie	DB	5'10"	180	So.	Alief, TX
17	Amadi, Ronnie	DB	5'11"	185	So.	Alief, TX
86	Anderson, Lyonel	TE	6'3"	235	Jr.	Rochester, NY
37	Ansel, Curtis	P	6'0"	210	Sr.	Lakin, KS
81	Bachmann, Sid	DT	6'2"	270	Sr.	San Diego, CA
46	Beck, Johnny	K	6'1"	215	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
43	Birhiray, Bobby	DB	6'0"	195	Sr.	Houston, TX
27	Bookman, Leo	WR	6'1"	210	Jr.	Dickinson, TX
45	Borders, Kevin	TE	6'3"	225	Fr.	Olathe, KS
57	Bron, Tyler	LB	5'11"	215	Fr.	Leawood, KS
54	Brown, Anthony	LB	5'10"	210	So.	Grandview, MO
23	Brooks, Jerod	K	5'11"	215	Jr.	Ottawa, KS
71	Cannon, John	DL	6'1"	230	Fr.	Oklahoma City, OK
96	Clapp, Nick	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Phoenix, AZ
50	Coffman, Andy	DE/LS	6'5"	240	Sr.	Wichita, KS
28	Coke, Dan	RB	5'11"	215	Sr.	Moore Haven, FL
75	Coker, Tony	OL	6'5"	320	Jr.	Hoisington, KS
29	Cornish, Jon	RB	6'0"	200	Fr.	New Westminster, BC
44	Curry, Reggie	DE	6'2"	245	Sr.	Oxnard, CA
69	Dambach, Travis	OL	6'4"	260	Fr.	Jackson, MO
51	Davies, Zachary	LS	5'10"	240	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
11	Douglas, Walker	P	6'1"	210	Fr.	Lawrence, KS
13	Dyer, Zach	S	6'2"	210	Sr.	Olathe, KS
85	Fine, Derek	TE	6'3"	220	Fr.	Sallisaw, OK
5	Floodman, Banks	LB	6'3"	235	So.	Wichita, KS
3	Gordon, Charles	WR	5'11"	165	Fr.	Carson, CA
30	Green, Clark	RB	5'11"	205	So.	Tampa, FL
8	Heaggans, Gary	WR	6'2"	200	Jr.	Kansas City, KS
25	Heaggans, Greg	DB	6'0"	185	So.	Kansas City, KS
76	Henry, Justin	OL	6'4"	285	So.	Hoyt, KS
16	Hogan, Joe	QB	6'2"	185	Fr.	Sallisaw, OK
35	Homolka, Cullen	RB	5'9"	245	Jr.	Holyrood, KS
55	Homolka, Josh	LB	6'0"	225	Sr.	Holyrood, KS
10	Jarrett, Randall	WR	5'10"	200	So.	Kansas City, MO
8	Johnson, Remuise	CB	5'8"	170	Sr.	Boynton Bch., FL
72	Jones, Adrian	T	6'5"	260	Sr.	Dallas, TX
45	Kane, Kevin	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Parkville, MO
24	Kemp, Jerome	RB	5'11"	200	Fr.	Wichita, KS
98	Kipp, Cory	DE	6'4"	280	Sr.	Riverside, CA
91	Knighton, Kyle	DE	6'3"	250	Fr.	Weston, MO

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
49	Lamb, Jonathan	S	6'2"	190	Fr.	Lenexa, KS
82	Latimore, Denver	TE	6'2"	250	Sr.	Halstead, KS
78	Lewis, Danny	OL	6'4"	295	Sr.	Surprise, AZ
18	Long, Kevin	QB/TE	6'5"	235	Jr.	Iowa City, IA
14	Luke, Brian	QB	6'6"	220	So.	Walnut Creek, CA
64	McCaslin, Nick	OL	6'2"	285	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
32	McClendon, Harold	RB	5'10"	200	Sr.	Jacksonville, FL
40	McCracken, Clark	LB	6'1"	230	Sr.	Fort Scott, KS
92	McMillan, David	DE	6'3"	240	Jr.	Killeen, TX
16	Miller, Eric	S	6'2"	195	So.	Ottawa, KS
19	Mills, Derick	WR	5'7"	165	Sr.	Dallas, TX
62	Mulholland, Jeff	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Shawnee Mission, KS
12	Nielsen, John	QB	6'3"	205	Jr.	San Diego, CA
33	Nwabuisi, Austine	RB	6'0"	235	Jr.	Houston, TX
74	Ochoa, David	OL	6'4"	250	Fr.	Houston, TX
40	Patterson, Matt	RB	5'8"	185	Fr.	Overland Park, KS
59	Perkins, Brandon	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Houston, TX
7	Reid, Nick	SS	6'4"	220	So.	Derby, KS
84	Rideau, Brandon	WR	6'4"	190	Jr.	Beaumont, TX
58	Roberts, Chris	OL	6'1"	285	Fr.	Merriam, KS
38	Robinson, Glenn	LB	6'3"	235	Sr.	Longmont, CO
80	Roux, Dominic	WR	5'11"	175	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA
31	Rus, Darren	LB	6'3"	215	So.	Overland Park, KS
83	Simmons, Mark	WR	5'11"	175	So.	DeSoto, TX
89	Steppig, Chris	WR	5'11"	185	Fr.	Platte City, MO
99	Strickland, Tony	DT	6'4"	275	Sr.	Highland Park, MI
9	Stubbs, Tony	S	5'10"	200	Jr.	Lake Worth, FL
93	Teng, Roy	DL	6'0"	280	Jr.	Gardena, CA
2	Thompson, Kenneth	DB	5'11"	180	Fr.	Grand Prairie, TX
52	Tyree, Greg	LB	6'0"	245	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
41	Tyrrell, Chris	K/P	5'11"	235	Jr.	Liberty, MO
56	Vaughn, Joe	C	6'1"	280	Jr.	Del City, OK
34	Watkins, Brandon	FB	6'2"	245	Jr.	Dallas, TX
47	Watkins, Johnnie	DB	5'8"	175	Jr.	Kirkwood, MO
67	Watkins, Travis	DT	6'4"	295	Jr.	Derby, KS
12	Wedel, Drew	WR	5'9"	145	Fr.	Minneapolis, KS
77	Whitaker, Bob	OL	6'5"	325	Fr.	Mt. Lebanon, PA
4	Whittemore, Bill	QB	6'0"	205	Sr.	Brentwood, TN
22	Williams, Justin	WR	6'3"	200	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
26	Wilson, Joshua	RB	6'0"	210	Jr.	Salina, KS

2002 Record: Big 12 Record: 2-10 0-8 Head Coach Mark Mangino

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Lyonel Anderson	TE	6'3"	240	Rochester, NY
Caught 26 passes for 534 yards and three TDs as a sophomore at Alfreid (NY) State College. Named to the 2002 NJCAA preseason All-America team.				
Tang Bacheyie	DB	6'1"	180	Windsor, Ontario
A three-time all-city performer. Named Windsor Offensive Player of the Year in 2001. Named to the All-Ontario squad as a senior.				
Adam Barmann	QB	6'4"	210	Weston, MO
Rated the No. 28 QB prospect in the country by Rivals.com. A two-time Class 1A All-State performer.				
Mark Brown	DB	6'3"	185	Tulsa, OK
An excellent all-around athlete who lettered in both football and basketball as a prep.				
Marketh Childress	DB	5'11"	200	Long Beach, CA
Helped lead Long Beach (CA) City College to the Western States Bowl. Earned honorable mention All-Mission Conference honors.				
Richard Estrella	OL	6'4"	285	Los Angeles, CA
Named to the first-team All-Mission Conference squad as a sophomore at Cerritos (CA) CC.				
Marcus Hicks	CB	5'10"	173	Rialto, CA
Named to the All-Foothill Conference team in 2002. Helped lead Chaffey (CA) College to back-to-back conference titles.				
Zack Hood	LS/OL	6'4"	255	Creston, IA
Awarded all-state honors by the Iowa Newspaper Association. Also earned first-team All-Western Iowa honors as a senior.				
Moderick Johnson	WR	6'5"	190	Houston, TX
Caught 33 passes for 602 yards and four TDs as a senior. Named the All-Greater Houston Offensive Player of the Year in 2002.				
Chuck Jones	DE	6'4"	275	Altadena, CA
A JC Gridwire All-America honoree. Played two seasons at Pasadena (CA) City College. Recorded 76 tackles as a senior.				
Tony King	WR	6'3"	185	Florissant, MO
Rated the No. 2 ATH in the state by MoKanFootball.com. Hauled in 24 passes for 563 yards as a senior.				
Reid Kirby	OL	6'4"	290	Gladstone, MO
A two-time first-team All-Suburban Red Conference honoree. Rated the No. 1 OL in the Kansas City area by MoKanFootball.com.				
Brandon McAnderson	LB	6'3"	220	Lawrence, KS
Ranked the No. 63 ILB in the country by Rivals.com. Earned Class 6A All-State mention as a senior. Rushed for over 1,500 yards in 2002.				
John McCoy	LB	6'3"	250	Richwood, OH
Named Foothill Conference Defensive Player of the Year following his sophomore campaign at Victor Valley (CA) College. Rated among the Top 50 JC prospects in the nation by Rivals.com.				
Zach Mims	LB/DE	6'3"	235	Kingwood, TX
Recorded 117 tackles and nine sacks as a senior in 2000. Began career at Arizona State before transferring to Hinds (MS) JC. Sat out the 2002 season due to a shoulder injury.				
John Randle	ATH	6'0"	175	Wichita, KS
Listed among the Top 60 Capital-Journal's Top 11. Rushed for 1,700 yards and 17 TDs as a senior.				
Bruce Ringwood	LB	6'1"	205	Blue Springs, MO
Listed as the No. 1 LB in the Kansas City area by MoKanFootball.com. Recorded 112 tackles and three sacks as a senior.				
Cesar Rodriguez	OL	6'7"	253	La Puente, CA
Named to the PrepStar All-Region team as a senior.				
Shelton Simmons	CB	5'11"	175	Georgetown, SC
Helped Georgia Military College to a national title in 2001.				
Andy Temple	DE	6'3"	220	Chesterfield, MO
A first-team all-state and second-team all-metro selection as a senior. Named Suburban West Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2002.				
Gabe Toomey	LB	6'4"	235	W. Des Moines, IA
Earned NJCAA All-America honors at Iowa Central CC. Named conference Defensive Player of the Year. Rated the No. 30 JC prospect in the country by Rivals.com.				
Phil Tuihalamaka	DT	6'3"	323	Riverside, CA
Earned first-team All-California JC honors as a sophomore at San Bernardino CC. Recorded 5.5 sacks and 11 TFLs last season.				
Johnny Urrutia	OL	6'3"	323	Pico Rivera, CA
Named Mission Conference Lineman of the Year in 2002. Played last season at Mt. San Antonio (CA) College.				
Joe Vaughn	C	6'2"	290	Del City, OK
Earned second-team NJCAA All-America honors as a sophomore at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.				
Scott Webb	K	5'11"	180	Tulsa, OK
Rated the No. 19 PK in the country by Rivals.com. Connected on 11 FGs, 74 PATs and scored 107 points as a senior.				
Monroe Weekley	DE	6'4"	256	Alquippa, PA
Started career at Pittsburgh before transferring to Arizona Western College. Holds Alquippa High School record for career (352) and single-season (188) tackles.				

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	84	Brandon Rideau (Jr.)	80	Dominic Roux (Fr.)
WR	19	Derick Mills (Sr.)	3	Charles Gordon (Fr.)
WR	83	Mark Simmons (So.)	8	Gary Heaggans (Jr.)
LT	72	Adrian Jones (Sr.)	74	David Ochoa (Fr.)
LG	77	Bob Whitaker (Fr.)	75	Tony Coker (Jr.)
C	56	Joe Vaughn (Jr.)	76	Justin Henry (So.)
RG	76	Justin Henry (So.)	64	Nick McCaslin (Jr.)
RT	78	Danny Lewis (Sr.)	69	Travis Dambach (Fr.)
TE	86	Lyonel Anderson (Jr.)	82	Denver Latimore (Sr.)
QB	4	Bill Whittemore (Sr.)	14	Brian Luke (So.)
TB	30	Clark Green (So.)	24	Jerome Kemp (Fr.)
FB*	33	Austine Nwabuisi (Jr.)	34	Brandon Watkins (Jr.)

Defense (7)

DE	Monroe Weekley (Jr.)	98	Cory Kipp (Sr.)
NT	90 Tim Allen (So.)	81	Sid Bachmann (Sr.)
DT	67 Travis Watkins (Jr.)	71	John Cannon (Fr.)
DE	92 David McMillan (Jr.)		Chuck Jones (Jr.)
OLB	5 Banks Floodman (So.)	38	Glenn Robinson (Sr.)
MLB	45 Kevin Kane (So.)		John McCoy (Jr.)
OLB	59 Brandon Perkins (So.)		Gabe Toomey (Jr.)
CB	8 Remuise Johnson (Sr.)		Shelton Simmons (Jr.)
CB	26 Donnie Amadi (So.)		Marcus Hicks (Jr.)
FS	9 Tony Stubbs (Jr.)		Marketh Childress (Jr.)
SS	7 Nick Reid (So.)	13	Zach Dyer (Sr.)

Special Teams

K	46	Johnny Beck (Jr.)
P	37	Curtis Ansel (Sr.)
KR	25	Greg Heaggans (So.)
PR	8	Remuise Johnson (Sr.)

*The 12 offensive positions represent Kansas' multiple formations.
(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Bill Whittemore, 151-305-1,666-6, 11 TDs
Rushing: Clark Green, 197 car., 813 yds., 4 TDs
Receiving: Clark Green, 37 rec., 408 yds., 0 TDs
Scoring: Bill Whittemore, 11 TDs, 66 points
Punting: Curtis Ansel, 82 punts, 42.2 avg.
Kicking: Johnny Beck, 7-17 FGs, 23-27 XPs, 44 points
Tackles: Nick Reid, 62, 37 solo
Tackles for loss: David McMillan, 9 for 28 yds.
Sacks: Nick Reid, 6
Interceptions: Remuise Johnson, 6 for 7 yds.
Kickoff returns: Greg Heaggans, 28 ret., 24.7 avg.
Punt returns: Remuise Johnson, 19 ret., 6.5 avg.

2002 Results

A. 31	at Iowa State	L	3-45
S. 7	at UNLV	L	20-31
S. 14	SW Missouri State	W	44-24
S. 21	Bowling Green	L	16-39
S. 28	at Tulsa	W	43-33
O. 5	at Baylor	L	32-35
O. 12	Colorado	L	29-53
O. 19	Texas A&M	L	22-47
O. 26	at Missouri	L	12-36
N. 2	Kansas State	L	0-64
N. 9	at Nebraska	L	7-45
N. 16	Oklahoma State	L	20-55



After posting its fifth 11-win season in six years, Kansas State plans to capture what has eluded it in the past: a Big 12 Championship.

Bill Snyder is uneasy about making predictions, but a national title isn't out of the question. Snyder himself admits, "I expect a great deal out of this team."

The Wildcats return the explosive tandem of quarterback Ell Roberson and running back Darren Sproles, who helped the Wildcats average 44.8 points per game last season. Despite the loss of All-American Terence Newman and the early departure of linebacker Terry Pierce, the defense, which ranked second in the nation in yards allowed in 2002, is stacked with stars-to-be.

"Guys aren't going to be able to say 50 years from now to their grandkids, 'Hey we went 11-2 this year,' and be proud about it," defensive end Andrew Shull says. "We want something to stand on. We've never won 12 games. That's our goal as a team."

quarterbacks

Roberson became the first K-State quarterback to top 1,000 rushing yards in a season and also comes off his best passing campaign. Watch for Roberson, a senior who accounted for 2,612 total yards and 23 touchdowns last year, to earn some Heisman mention if he improves his

passing numbers. Expect first-year co-offensive coordinator Del Miller to add a few wrinkles to the playbook.

If Roberson takes care of the small things in his game and performs big in the clutch, he could, among other things, become the winningest quarterback in K-State history by the end of the season. He needs to lead the Wildcats to 11 wins to do it.

"The important thing is he understands that he is where he is because of certain things he understood needed to be done," Snyder says. "If he continues to do that he can be a very, very fine football player."

running backs

The only question with K-State's running game is whether it can match the school-record 3,433 yards and nation-leading 53 touchdowns produced last season. Sproles, an All-America candidate, improved his 40 time to 4.40 after setting K-State single-season marks with 1,465 rushing yards and 6.2 yards per carry to go along with 17 touchdowns. He posted at least 100 yards in the final nine games, and the diminutive 5'7" back plans to extend that streak, which already is a K-State record.

"The next Barry Sanders," linebacker



Big 12 North Prediction: 1st

National Forecast: #4

Josh Buhl says. "That's really all there is to say, and that's a lot to say."

Daniel Davis and Carlos Alsup are solid backups to Sproles, while fullbacks Travis Wilson, Victor Mann and Ayo Saba are bruising lead blockers who combined for nine touchdowns a year ago.

receivers

A number of qualified wideouts stand in line to replace Taco Wallace, K-State's leading pass catcher last fall. Wallace teamed with 6'5" James Terry to account for 80 percent of the receptions last year. Terry, a senior and the most experienced returning receiver, can make back-breaking big plays, and should improve on the 28 catches for 561 yards and five TDs he recorded in his first season at Kansas State.

Derrick Evans, who caught the game-winning touchdown in the Holiday Bowl, has a shot to fill Wallace's vacancy, as does promising and athletic Davin Dennis. K-State will get an added boost with Tony Madison and John Cooper, two burners who can stretch the defense. Davis will also be a dangerous threat moonlighting at wideout.

Thomas Hill has exceptional hands and tallied the most receptions (17) of any K-State tight end in five years. Fullback Victor Mann will also see time at tight end.



Larry W. Smith

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a National Championship

Co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Del Miller puts it like this: "As Ell Roberson goes, so will this football team." And that's a good thing. With Roberson, tailback Darren Sproles and its usually stout defense, K-State has all the ingredients to make a run at the national title. The Wildcats will enter the conference-opener at Texas with redemption in mind after the Longhorns barely escaped Manhattan 17-14 last season. K-State's eight-game home slate includes just two postseason bowl teams, Marshall and Colorado. The mid-November match-up at Nebraska, where K-State hasn't won since 1968, could provide the only potential bump down the stretch. Bill Snyder warns his team not to take anything for granted, but Roberson-led K-State has plenty of potential for a memorable year.

2003 Schedule

A. 23	#California	W
A. 30	Troy State	W
S. 6	McNeese State	W
S. 13	Massachusetts	W
S. 20	Marshall	W
O. 4	at Texas	*
O. 11	at Oklahoma State	W
O. 18	Colorado	W
O. 25	Kansas	W
N. 1	Baylor	W
N. 8	at Iowa State	W
N. 15	at Nebraska	W
N. 22	Missouri	W
#BCA Classic, Kansas City, Mo.		

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Darren Sproles: 1,465 rushing yards, 17 TDs in 2002



Eli Roberson



John Banancourt

Andrew Shull

offensive linemen

Replacing four linemen — left tackle Thomas Barnett, center Steve Washington, and right tackles Dralinn Burks and Billy Miller — who had a combined 84 starts will be crucial to upholding the rushing supremacy. The line is relatively unproven and will remain a mix-and-match proposition, meaning spots probably won't be solidified until Big 12 play. Nick Leckey, a 2002 All-Big 12 pick, will move from left guard to center, and up-and-comer Ryan Lilja is a frontrunner to take over at left guard.

6 Kansas State, which finished second in total defense in 2002, is the only Division I-A school to rank among the top five in total defense in each of the past six seasons.

"We will still look at guys at maybe more than one spot," Snyder says. "It's always been our track record to make sure several guys can play more than one position."

Right guard Mike Johnson returns after starting 11 times last season, while Jeromey Clary and Jon Doty are top candidates for the tackle positions.

defensive linemen

K-State returns one starter (Shull) from a unit that lost 69 career starts from the four-some of Tank Reese, Henry Bryant, Melvin Williams and Corey White. Shull, who had a

team-leading 10 sacks, will demand attention at left end, but Thomas Houchin is a proven performer and will provide a threat from the right side. The Wildcats will count on tackle Jermaine Berry, a great sideline-to-sideline runner, to make an immediate impact in the middle.

linebackers

Terry Pierce's expected departure to the NFL creates a void in the middle, but senior All-Big 12 candidate Buhl (135 tackles) and Bryan Hickman (79 tackles) were first and fourth, respectively, in total tackles and will provide the glue to the defense.

Buhl didn't participate in spring drills after undergoing off-season shoulder surgery, but the weak-side 'backer returns for the fall as the team's emotional leader. Hickman, an intense gamer, will anchor the strong-side spot. Matt Butler

will get the first chance in the middle after backing up Pierce last year, but expect junior college transfer Marvin Simmons, who possesses excellent instincts, to make it an interesting race.

"We'll coach them up," Hickman says. "We're not going to settle for anything less than them doing a good job because this year we want to come out number one."

defensive backs

Take your pick on who will replace Thorpe Award winner Newman. Randy Jordan returns at one cornerback spot, while Louis Lavender will compete with David Rose and junior college All-Americans Cedrick Williams and Corey Reddick for the chance to fill Newman's shoes. Williams and Reddick, former teammates at Garden City (Kan.) CC, bring toughness to the secondary, but they must learn the defense. Williams runs a blazing 4.33 40 and has great hands, while Reddick, who runs a 4.4, is equally daunting in man-to-man coverage.

Meanwhile, Rashad Washington has developed into a hard-hitting, turnover-minded strong safety. He started every game and ranked third in total tackles (80) and second in passes broken up (10).

★ RISING STAR

Sophomore **Jesse Tetuan**, a part-time starter and a standout on special teams last fall, is expected to slide into the starting lineup at free safety. He should be a fixture in the K-State secondary for the next three years.

"Rashad Washington has a chance to be a dominator," K-State co-defensive coordinator Bobby Elliott says. "We have guys coming back who can rise to that potential and we have some other guys that could rise to that level also."

Jesse Tetuan is a sure-tackling free safety who earned three starts as a freshman, while James McGill is a big hitter who made significant strides for the spot in the spring.

specialists

The challenges here are replacing Newman's remarkable return ability and shoring up the kicking game.

Kicker Joe Rheem has limited range, and the Wildcats had the league's third-poorest conversion rate on extra point attempts. Jared Brite did not punt last season, and after averaging 40.7 yards on 18 punts in 2001, he must prove himself. "If we can move the ball and don't have to punt," Snyder says of the punting game, "it's not very fragile at all."

Sproles and Evans are the top punt returners. Alsup, the backup tailback, will head up the kickoff return duties.

Outside the Huddle

Dean Snyder Entering his 15th year, Bill Snyder boasts the longest tenure of any coach in the Big 12 thanks to the departure of Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum.

More to come Ell Roberson and Darren Sproles combined to set 11 individual school records in 2002. Roberson needs 1,383 yards to top the all-time mark for total offense (5,779), while Sproles needs 863 rushing yards to become the all-time leading rusher (2,537).

Two nasty Texans Potential All-Big 12 linebackers Josh Buhl and Bryan Hickman, tabbed "TNT," were also first-team all-district performers at Mesquite North High School in Mesquite, Texas.

Closer's mentality Criticized annually for its weak non-conference slate, K-State is also 19-2 in November over the past six years. K-State won five-straight to finish 2002, including its most-lopsided series victories ever in three consecutive weeks against Kansas (64-0), then-No. 21 Iowa State (58-7) and Nebraska (49-13).

Three-peat In allowing opponents an average of just 69.5 rushing yards in 2002-03, second-best in the nation, K-State re-established the school record for rushing defense for a third year in a row. The Wildcats surrendered just 340 yards on the ground on 263 attempts (1.2 yards per carry) in the final eight games.

Goodbye, Newman Terence Newman started every game at cornerback the past two years. Of the five different cornerbacks who filled the other starting spot during that time, only nine-time starter Randy Jordan returns in 2003.

2003 Kansas State Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

11-2
6-2

Head Coach
Bill Snyder

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
85	Ahlvers, Nolan	DE	6'1"	220	Fr.	Salina, KS
21	Alsup, Carlos	RB	6'1"	195	So.	Liberal, KS
32	Anders, Donnie	RB	5'10"	180	Fr.	Salina, KS
46	Archer, Brandon	LB	6'2"	215	Fr.	St. Paul, MN
90	Barry, Ron	DT	6'2"	280	Jr.	Lansing, KS
91	Berry, Jermaine	DT	6'0"	295	Jr.	Wichita, KS
69	Beuthin, Jon	OL	6'6"	265	Fr.	Overland Park, KS
16	Bias, LaRoy	WR	6'0"	186	Sr.	Aurora, CO
77	Boggas, Chris	OL	6'5"	315	Jr.	Irving, TX
6	Brite, Jared	P/K	6'2"	185	Sr.	Bakersfield, CA
7	Buhl, Josh	LB	6'0"	210	Sr.	Mesquite, TX
96	Bulman, Andrew	DT	6'3"	275	Sr.	Milton, MA
59	Butler, Matt	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Manhattan, KS
49	Carrier, Alex	DE	6'4"	250	Jr.	Houston, TX
86	Casey, Brian	TE	6'7"	270	Jr.	Gladstone, MO
38	Clark, Blaine	DE	6'2"	185	Jr.	Valley Center, KS
84	Clark, Lorne	TE	6'3"	255	Jr.	San Francisco, CA
66	Clary, Jeromey	OL	6'7"	290	So.	Mansfield, TX
75	Cline, Steven	DL	6'3"	280	Fr.	Palm Bch. Gardens, FL
19	Cooper, John	WR	6'3"	190	Sr.	Miami, FL
99	Cowan, Jerad	DT	6'4"	290	Jr.	Aliief, TX
53	Dansel, Jonathan	LB	6'0"	235	Sr.	Jetmore, KS
6	Davis, Daniel	RB	6'0"	215	Sr.	Stafford, VA
15	Dennis, Davin	WR	6'1"	175	So.	St. James, LA
73	Dolce, Dan	DL	6'0"	270	Fr.	Wichita, KS
39	Doty, Jon	T	6'8"	270	Jr.	W. Des Moines, IA
56	Echols, Quintin	DT	6'2"	300	Fr.	Ft. Worth, TX
93	Edmonds, Scott	DE	6'4"	248	So.	Kansas City, MO
9	Evans, Derrick	WR	5'11"	175	Sr.	Denver, CO
51	Feightner, Nick	LB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Manlius, NY
54	File, Lee	DE	6'4"	250	Sr.	Beloit, KS
41	Finan, T.J.	LS	6'6"	210	Fr.	Topeka, KS
26	Graber, James	RB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Hutchinson, KS
16	Green, Nick	K	6'3"	175	Fr.	Paola, KS
14	Griffith, Tony	LB	5'10"	185	So.	Grand Prairie, TX
51	Guthrie, Ryan	DB	6'1"	220	Jr.	Kewanee, IL
13	Hamel, Dave	P	6'0"	170	Sr.	Concordia, KS
48	Harms, Huston	LB	6'3"	230	Jr.	Overland Park, KS
74	Hedgpeth, Thad	OL	6'4"	300	Fr.	Lumberton, NC
18	Hickman, Bryan	LB	6'3"	220	Sr.	Mesquite, TX
88	Hill, Thomas	TE	6'5"	260	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
54	Holakeitua, Peni	OL	6'6"	310	Jr.	Waipahu, HI
3	Horchem, Travis	DB	5'10"	184	Sr.	Ness City, KS
94	Houchin, Thomas	DE	6'3"	260	Sr.	Sanger, TX
52	Huntley, Kevin	DE	6'8"	260	Jr.	Washington, DC
39	Irvin, Braden	DB	6'2"	190	Jr.	St. John, KS
17	Johnson, Jerad	LB	6'3"	205	Jr.	Colby, KS
60	Johnson, Mike	OL	6'4"	280	Jr.	Boulder, CO
83	Jones, Edwin	DE	6'3"	235	Jr.	Flint, MI
9	Jordan, Randy	DB	6'2"	175	Sr.	Tulare, CA
67	Keaulana-Kamakea, J.	OL	6'3"	270	Sr.	Waimanalo, HI

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
47	Kramer, Lance	FB	6'1"	211	Sr.	Topeka, KS
20	Lavender, Louis	DB	6'0"	185	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
53	Leckey, Nick	OL	6'4"	285	Sr.	Grapevine, TX
64	Lilja, Ryan	OL	6'3"	300	Sr.	Lake Quivira, KS
58	Lowe, Sean	LB	6'3"	225	Fr.	Arlington, TX
24	Mack, Maurice	DB	6'0"	195	Fr.	Olathe, KS
7	Madison, Tony	WR	6'3"	195	Jr.	Florissant, MO
68	Magee, Shawn	OL	6'3"	240	Fr.	Shawnee Mission, KS
80	Magee, Travon	TE	6'7"	265	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
42	Mann, Victor	FB	6'2"	230	So.	Ft. Worth, TX
95	Marso, Derek	DT	6'3"	279	So.	Spring Valley, CA
61	McDysan, Dustin	LS	6'0"	220	So.	Berryton, KS
8	McGill, James	DB	6'3"	220	Sr.	Bakersfield, CA
87	McNeese, Rimmon	TE	6'2"	218	Fr.	Grandview, MO
12	Meier, Dylan	QB	6'4"	190	Fr.	Pittsburg, KS
57	Mengarelli, Dustin	OL	6'1"	270	Fr.	Girard, KS
92	Montgomery, Justin	DT	6'2"	281	Sr.	Smith Center, KS
34	Morris, Danny	RB	5'11"	200	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
62	Mortimer, Jeff	LS	6'0"	205	Fr.	Delphos, KS
20	O'Neil, Paul	RB	5'10"	190	So.	St. George, SC
31	Patton, Marcus	DB	6'1"	210	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
2	Polite, Antoine	WR	6'2"	180	Jr.	Indianola, IA
1	Reddick, Corey	DB	5'9"	160	Jr.	Boynton Bch., FL
73	Rettele, Ben	OL	6'7"	305	Sr.	Wetmore, KS
15	Rheem, Joe	K	6'2"	210	Jr.	Wichita, KS
3	Roberson, Eli	QB	6'1"	205	Sr.	Baytown, TX
65	Robinson, Logan	OL	6'9"	315	Fr.	Agra, KS
28	Rose, David	DB	5'10"	180	Jr.	Richmond, CA
36	Saba, Ayo	FB	6'0"	260	So.	Blackwood, NJ
63	Schmucker, Ryan	OL	6'5"	285	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
14	Schwinn, Jeff	QB	6'2"	205	Sr.	McLouth, KS
29	Sedlacek, Coby	RB	6'0"	215	Fr.	Hanover, KS
98	Shull, Andrew	DE	6'5"	260	Sr.	Webb City, MO
45	Sims, Ted	LB	6'1"	230	So.	Newton, KS
19	Snodgrass, Jeff	K/P	6'2"	200	Fr.	Leawood, KS
30	Sonnier, Sean	DB	6'2"	200	Fr.	Pearland, TX
43	Sproles, Darren	RB	5'7"	170	Jr.	Olathe, KS
35	Strozier, Noah	DB	6'0"	180	Fr.	Kansas City, MO
40	Suttles, Kyle	LB	5'10"	210	So.	Leavenworth, KS
5	Terry, James	WR	6'5"	180	Sr.	Homestead, FL
23	Tetuan, Jesse	DB	6'0"	185	So.	Topeka, KS
81	Thomas, Hammond	WR	6'2"	170	Fr.	Baytown, TX
57	Thurmond, Maurice	LB	6'2"	215	Jr.	Ft. Worth, TX
52	Vanover, Russ	LS	6'1"	185	Jr.	Newton, KS
2	Washington, Rashad	SS	6'3"	210	Sr.	Wichita, KS
27	Watts, Marcus	DB	6'2"	180	Fr.	Hays, KS
1	Webb, Allen	QB	6'3"	205	So.	Denver, CO
71	Weiner, Michael	OL	6'5"	265	So.	Boca Raton, FL
4	Williams, Cedrick	DB	5'9"	165	Jr.	W. Riviera Bch., FL
72	Wilson, Mike	LS	6'4"	250	Sr.	Salina, KS
44	Wilson, Travis	FB	6'4"	240	Sr.	Howell, MI

2003 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Bryan Baldwin **ATH** **5'11"** **175** **St. Louis, MO**
 Rated the No. 13 player in Missouri by *Rivals.com*. Caught 29 passes for 955 yards in 2002. A three-time first-team all-conference pick on both sides of the ball.

Jon Beuthin **OL** **6'6"** **265** **Overland Park, KS**
 Signed with KSU in February 2002 but did not enroll. Selected to the Class 6A All-State team by the *Topeka Capital-Journal* as a senior at Blue Valley Northwest High School.

Steve Cline **DL** **6'3"** **280** **Palm Beach Gardens, FL**
 Rated among the Top 100 DTs in the country by *Rivals.com*. Recorded 26 TFLs and nine sacks as a senior. Named to the PrepStar All-America squad in 2002.

Toney Coleman Jr. **WR** **6'2"** **190** **Arlington, TX**
 Ranked the No. 57 WR in the country by *Rivals.com*. A first-team All-District 4-5A performer in 2002. Caught 26 passes for 512 yards as a senior.

Byron Garvin **DB** **5'9"** **170** **Miramar, FL**
 A three-time All-Dade County standout at Pace High School. Returned five kicks and four punts for TDs during prep career.

Greg Gaskins **DB** **6'0"** **185** **Manhattan, KS**
 Ranked the No. 108 prospect in the state by *Rivals.com*. A two-time All-I-70 League pick. Played safety and QB.

Ben Henderson **LB** **6'2"** **230** **Chicago, IL**
 Earned second-team All-America honors for 2002 NJCAA national champions Joliet (IL) JC. Listed on the PrepStar Junior College Top 125 list.

Alphonso Moran **DL** **6'0"** **270** **Delray Beach, FL**
 Ranked the No. 65 DT in the country by *Rivals.com*. A two-time all-state performer at Boca Raton High School. Only player in school history to start all four seasons.

Jermaine Moreira **WR** **5'11"** **190** **Palm Beach Gardens, FL**
 Caught 45 passes for 753 yards and 10 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 16 ATH in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Ranked among the Top 10 players in the state by *Gator Bait*.

Rashad Norwood **TE** **6'5"** **220** **Kansas City, KS**
 Rated the No. 2 prospect in the state by *Rivals.com*. Named All-Kansas City Metro as a senior. Caught 24 passes for 450 yards and four TDs in 2002.

Corey Reddick **DB** **5'9"** **160** **Boynton Beach, FL**
 Rated the No. 16 JC prospect in the country by *Rivals.com*. Played two seasons at Garden City (KS) CC.

Logan Robinson **OL** **6'9"** **315** **Agra, KS**
 Received all-league mention as both a LB and OL. Won the state title in the shot put. Recorded 104 tackles as a senior.

Marvin Simmons **LB** **6'1"** **230** **Compton, CA**
 Finished the season with 125 tackles and 13 sacks at Compton (CA) CC. Rated No. 51 on the SuperPrep Junior College Top 100 list.

Pat Thompson **WR** **6'2"** **180** **Dallas, TX**
 Named to the *Dallas Morning News* all-state squad as a senior. Rated the No. 37 ATH in the state by *Rivals.com*.

Travis Triplett **OL** **6'7"** **320** **St. Louis, MO**
 Played one season at Dodge City (KS) CC. Earned honorable mention All-America honors for the NJCAA. Spent two seasons at Memphis before transferring to Dodge City CC.

Marcus Watts **DB** **6'2"** **180** **Hays, KS**
 A consensus all-state pick by the *Topeka Capital-Journal* and *Kansas City Star* as a senior. Combined for over 1,500 yards and 15 TDs as a dual-threat QB in 2002.

Cedrick Williams **DB** **5'9"** **165** **W. Riviera Beach, FL**
 Rated the No. 15 JC player in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Named to the second-team All-Jayhawk Conference squad in 2002.

Malcolm Wooldridge **DL** **6'2"** **320** **Boca Raton, FL**
 A first-team All-America selection at Harper (IL) JC. Named NJCAA Region IV Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. Redshirted the 2000 season at USC.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

WR	5	James Terry (Sr.)	15	Davin Dennis (So.)
WR	9	Derrick Evans (Sr.)	19	John Cooper (Sr.)
LT	79	Jon Doty (Jr.)		Travis Triplett (Jr.)
LG	64	Ryan Lilja (Sr.)	71	Michael Weiner (So.)
C	53	Nick Leckey (Sr.)	67	J. Keaulana-Kamakea (Sr.)
RG	60	Mike Johnson (Jr.)	73	Ben Rettele (Sr.)
RT	66	Jeromey Clary (So.)	54	Peni Holakeitua (Jr.)
TE	88	Thomas Hill (Sr.)	80	Travon Magee (Sr.)
QB	3	Eli Roberson (Sr.)	14	Jeff Schwinn (Sr.)
RB	43	Darren Sproles (Jr.)	21	Carlos Alsup (So.)
FB	44	Travis Wilson (Sr.)	42	Victor Mann (So.)

Defense (5)

DE	98	Andrew Shull (Sr.)	93	Scott Edmonds (So.)
DT	91	Jermaine Berry (Jr.)	92	Justin Montgomery (Sr.)
NT	96	Andrew Bulman (Sr.)		Malcolm Wooldridge (Jr.)
DE	94	Thomas Houchin (Sr.)	52	Kevin Huntley (Jr.)
SLB	18	Bryan Hickman (Sr.)		Ben Henderson (Jr.)
MLB	59	Matt Butler (So.)		Marvin Simmons (Jr.)
WLB	7	Josh Buhl (Sr.)	57	Maurice Thurmond (Jr.)
CB	9	Randy Jordan (Sr.)	28	David Rose (Jr.)
CB	20	Louis Lavender (Jr.)	4	Cedrick Williams (Jr.)
FS	23	Jesse Tetuan (So.)	8	James McGill (Sr.)
SS	2	Rashad Washington (Sr.)	31	Marcus Patton (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	15	Joe Rheem (Jr.)
P	6	Jared Brite (Sr.)
KR	21	Carlos Alsup (So.)
PR	43	Darren Sproles (Jr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Eli Roberson, 91-175-1,580-4, 7 TDs
Rushing: Darren Sproles, 237 car., 1,465 yds., 17 TDs
Receiving: James Terry, 28 rec., 561 yds., 5 TDs
Scoring: Darren Sproles, 17 TDs, 1 2-pt. conversion, 104 points
Punting: none
Kicking: Joe Rheem, 9-12 FGs, 53-59 XPs, 80 points
Tackles: Josh Buhl, 135, 77 solo
Tackles for loss: Andrew Shull, 17 for 102 yds.
Sacks: Andrew Shull, 10
Interceptions: Bryan Hickman, 3 for 19 yds., Randy Jordan, 3 for 0 yds.
Kickoff returns: Darren Sproles, 4 ret., 20.5 avg.
Punt returns: Darren Sproles, 15 ret., 10.3 avg.

2002 Results

A.	31	Western Kentucky	W	48- 3
S.	7	UL-Monroe	W	68- 0
S.	14	Eastern Illinois	W	63-13
S.	21	USC	W	27-20
O.	5	at Colorado	L	31-35
O.	12	Oklahoma State	W	44- 9
O.	19	Texas	L	14-17
O.	26	at Baylor	W	44-10
N.	2	at Kansas	W	64- 0
N.	9	Iowa State	W	58- 7
N.	16	Nebraska	W	49-13
N.	23	at Missouri	W	38- 0
D.	27	#Arizona State	W	34-27
		#Holiday Bowl		



Missouri had a chance to qualify for a bowl last season right up to the final game, a disaster against Kansas State. Even after being shut out that day, it is apparent the Tigers are making significant strides in the disciplined system of coach Gary Pinkel. Now they're ready to take the next big step, under the direction of quarterback Brad Smith, a runaway choice as the Big 12's Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

"There's no special way to prepare for him," says Nebraska defensive tackle LeKevin Smith, who has compared him to former Iowa State quarterback Seneca Wallace. Brad Smith is surrounded by a veteran offense. What he doesn't have, however, is a proven defense.

quarterbacks



Smith is draped in potential greatness after becoming the second player in Division I-A history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 2,000 yards in a season — Clemson's Woodrow Dantzler was the first.

Despite his youth, Smith's teammates rally around him, and he makes them better. "He has the uncanny ability to set plays up and wait for his blockers. He's just a great athlete," Oklahoma co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said after

Smith directed a near-upset of the Sooners.

Though Missouri designs plays for him to run the ball, he is not a running back lined up under center, as indicated by his 2,333 passing yards, 53.6 completion percentage and 15-to-6 touchdown-to-interception ratio. He also caught two passes.

There is no proven backup, however, in case Smith goes down.

running backs

Pinkel is looking for ways to take pressure off of Smith in the running game, and tailback Zack Abron is a key to that. Abron is a complementary threat, a sure-handed, north-south runner who fumbled only twice in 176 carries, both in the opener, giving him 166 straight carries without fumbling.

Missouri counts on that reliability near the goal line. Abron ranked second in the conference and 14th in the nation in scoring, based on average, with 17 touchdowns — 15 rushing and two receiving. Abron gives the Tigers a potential second 1,000-yard rusher; he might have reached that total last season if not for a knee injury that sidelined him for one game and half of another.

Junior college transfer Damien Nash, a much-heralded high school running back from the metro St. Louis area, was held out of contact in the spring because of a

knee injury. But he is expected to be fully recovered in the fall and provides big-play potential in the Tigers' backfield.

receivers

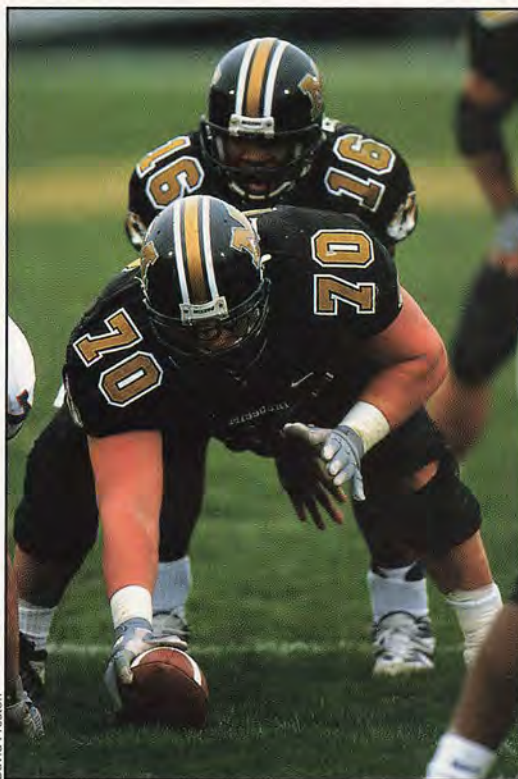
Justin Gage, the most prolific receiver in school history, is the only significant loss on offense. But the passing game could improve with better distribution of the ball to a group of wide receivers that includes Darius Outlaw, Marcus James, Thomson Omboga and Sean Coffey, all of whom have started.

Outlaw, a converted quarterback like Gage, should be the go-to receiver after being granted an additional season of eligibility. He has good size, route-running ability and instincts shaped by his time at quarterback. He also has the mental and physical toughness to catch the ball in traffic; he played the final six games with a separated shoulder. Coffey offers a big target and is considered a potential star.

J.D. McCoy is the most experienced tight end, but DeQuincy Howard could supplant him. Howard has speed and athleticism and put on 20 pounds while redshirting.

offensive linemen

Smith's importance to the offense is indisputable. But a veteran line will make it go. Everyone who started returns,



David Preston

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Bowl Bid

The Tigers have a formidable offense, in the charge of one of the Big 12's premier young players. Brad Smith has mobility, great field vision, deceptive speed, poise and confidence. He is surrounded by experience, including a line that returns intact and a productive tailback in Zack Abron. In addition, the passing game should be more diversified as Smith is forced to move the ball around. The offense is good enough to allow Missouri to contend in the conference's North Division. But the defense will, again, probably prevent that from happening. Still, the Tigers can't be worse defensively, and their schedule is conducive to a fast start before hosting Nebraska. The stretch run will be tough with games at Oklahoma, Colorado and Kansas State. But Missouri should have a bowl bid wrapped up by the time it heads to Manhattan.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	#Illinois	W
S. 6	at Ball State	W
S. 13	Eastern Illinois	W
S. 20	Middle Tennessee	W
S. 27	at Kansas	W
O. 11	Nebraska	*
O. 18	at Oklahoma	L
O. 25	Texas Tech	W
N. 1	Iowa State	W
N. 8	at Colorado	*
N. 15	at Texas A&M	*
N. 22	at Kansas State	L
	#St. Louis, MO	

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

A.J. Ricker: 33 straight starts at center

David Preston



Brad Smith



James Kinney

headed by tackle Rob Droege and center A.J. Ricker, two of the Big 12's best.

Despite his size (300 pounds), Droege is surprisingly athletic and graded the best of the linemen, rarely coming out of games despite nagging injuries. Ricker, again a candidate for the Rimington Trophy, is smart, technically sound and consistent. He has started every game during his career. Guard Tony Palmer also has all-conference potential. He graded second, behind Droege, who lines up beside him on the weak side.

Tackle Scott Paffrath and guards Joe Gianino and Cliff Young, who has played both sides, are the remaining members of the Big 12's most experienced line.

12 Forcing turnovers has been a point of emphasis, and the Tigers showed significant improvement last year finishing plus-12. They recovered 12 fumbles and intercepted 12 passes in 12 games.

defensive linemen

The Tigers' run defense has improved, but not as much as it needs to. Russ Bell has the strength and athleticism to hold up inside, where he could be joined by Atiyah Ellison, a returning starter at end. Terrell Mills and C.J. Mosley will figure in the mix, as will Nick Tarpoff, if he is able to resolve some off-the-field problems that leave his status in question.

But the emergence of ends Brian Smith and Zach Ville could be crucial in offsetting the loss

of playmakers Antwaun Bynum and Keith Wright. Smith, who's coming off a redshirt, is light for his position, but he makes up for that with speed, while Ville, a junior college transfer, would have been in the rotation last season if not for an emergency appendectomy during two-a-day practices.

linebackers

James Kinney, who ranked second in the conference and ninth in Division I-A in tackles per game, has established himself as one of the best linebackers in the Big 12. He was involved in 148 stops, the third most in school history. He's tough and athletic but needs to improve his consistency.

The other linebacking job in the Tigers' 4-2-5 alignment will go to someone from a group that includes Henry Sweat, Derrick Ming and Brandon Barnes. Sweat, with some experience, is the most likely candidate to win the job. Ming had a good off-season physically, and Barnes, who has started at free safety, switched positions in the spring. They got first crack at Kinney's first-team spot when he missed time in the spring because of a strained knee ligament. The search for Kinney's sidekick likely will continue in the fall.

defensive backs

The Tigers' pass defense has been woeful the past two seasons, in part because of play in the secondary and in part because of a non-existent pass rush. Missouri ranked 11th in the conference in quarterback sacks with 22, just two more than the previous season.

Michael Harden, who has put on 10 pounds, is the most experienced defensive back, and the most consistent. He has excellent cover speed and broke up 15 passes, third most in the Big 12.

Nino Williams, a first-team junior college All-American, is expected to have an immediate impact at free safety. Jason Simpson, Marcus King and A.J. Kincaid all have starting experience.

The return of Terrence Curry,

RISING STAR

Nino Williams is a physical addition to the secondary. Assistant coach Bruce Walker described the sturdy junior college transfer as a "knock-your-face-off corner." He arrived for the second semester, participated in spring practice and quickly established himself at free safety.

who has missed two seasons because of injury, and Calvin Washington, who played as a true freshman and then redshirted, should help at cornerback. Shirdonya Mitchell, the fastest player on the team, moved from wide receiver in the spring to bolster the secondary.

specialists

The kicking game, a source of frustration in Pinkel's first season, has improved markedly. Nowhere was that more apparent than in punting. Brock Harvey averaged 42.5 yards to rank fourth in the conference and 20th nationally. More important, the Tigers ranked 19th nationally in net punting, after ranking 112th in 2001, providing a welcome difference in field position.

Walk-on Mike Matheny solved a placekicking problem that forced Pinkel to go for it on a fourth-and-2 at the opponent's 17-yard line early in the season. The attempt, a pass into the end zone, failed.

James and Mitchell are kick returners with big-play ability. James returned a punt 80 yards for a touchdown, and Mitchell returned a kickoff 89 yards, Missouri's longest since 1976.

Outside the Huddle

Better late than never Walk-on placekicker Mike Matheny never envisioned himself playing for Missouri when he graduated from high school in Columbia. He attended Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., for one year, then transferred, spending a year at Missouri before deciding to try out for the team.

Bell ringer Defensive tackle Russ Bell came to Missouri to compete in track and field, and that's what he did his first two years. He missed a scrimmage in the spring to compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships, finishing seventh in the shot put. Bell has made so much progress since joining the football team that "I wish I could have had him as a freshman," says coach Gary Pinkel.

TV namesake Tight end DeQuincy Howard, "DQ," was named after his mom's favorite television show, "Quincy, M.E." a late 1970s, early 1980s series starring Jack Klugman.

Deep in the heart ... Missouri is working hard to recruit in Texas. In Pinkel's first year, two assistants were assigned to recruit the Lone Star State. Last year, there were three. The Tigers' scholarship recruiting class included four Texans, with two others backing out on oral commitments.

Husker frustration The Tigers will be looking to snap a 24-game losing streak against Nebraska when the Cornhuskers visit Faurot Field on Oct. 11. Missouri's last victory in the series was a 35-31 win at Lincoln in 1978.

2003 Missouri Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

5-7
2-6

Head Coach
Gary Pinkel

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
38	Abron, Zack	TB	5'9"	228	Sr.	Lake St. Louis, MO	24	Kinney, James	LB	6'1"	233	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
84	Arnold, Josh	WR	6'1"	199	Fr.	St. Genevieve, MO	34	Matheny, Mike	K	6'2"	195	Sr.	Columbia, MO
15	Bacon, Marcus	DB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Houston, TX	98	Matthews, Clint	TE	6'3"	230	Jr.	Ozark, MO
21	Barnes, Brandon	LB	6'3"	220	Sr.	Sikeston, MO	89	McCoy, J.D.	TE	6'1"	258	Sr.	Moore, OK
39	Bean, Fabian	DL	6'4"	269	Fr.	Fontana, CA	28	Millis, Terrell	DE	6'3"	236	Jr.	Raytown, MO
73	Bell, Russ	DL	6'2"	300	Sr.	Jefferson City, MO	40	Ming, Derrick	LB	5'11"	243	So.	Webster Groves, MO
30	Binkholder, Ryan	LB	6'0"	225	Sr.	New Florence, MO	86	Mitchell, Shirdonya	DB	6'0"	181	Fr.	Arlington, TX
74	Block, King	TE	6'0"	235	Fr.	Sparta, MO	56	Morris, Jr., Emmett	LB	5'11"	226	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
66	Brisette, Howard	OL	6'4"	304	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV	99	Mosley, C.J.	DT	6'3"	289	So.	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO
88	Britt, Arnold	WR	6'2"	182	So.	St. Louis, MO	2	Nash, Damien	TB	5'11"	213	So.	St. Louis, MO
75	Brown, Howard	OL	6'2"	291	Sr.	Berkeley, MO	38	Nutter, Daniel	FS	5'10"	189	Jr.	Kahoka, MO
50	Childress, Elgin	DL	6'1"	241	So.	Southfield, MI	29	Nutter, Greg	WR	5'11"	180	Fr.	Kahoka, MO
57	Chukwuuanu, Kene	DL	5'9"	230	Sr.	Florissant, MO	87	Omboga, Thomson	WR	6'2"	189	Jr.	Grand Prairie, TX
74	Clinger, Joel	OL	6'6"	301	Fr.	Warrenton, MO	3	Outlaw, Darius	WR	6'3"	185	Sr.	Powder Springs, GA
68	Clinker, Tony	OL	6'4"	297	Jr.	Plantation, FL	8	Overstreet, David	QB	6'0"	195	Fr.	Dallas, TX
12	Coffey, Sean	WR	6'5"	220	So.	E. Cleveland, OH	78	Paffrath, Scott	OL	6'5"	290	Jr.	Trabuco Canyon, CA
5	Coleman, Brandon	QB	6'4"	205	Fr.	Miami, FL	62	Palmer, Tony	OL	6'2"	303	So.	Midwest City, OK
55	Cook, Mike	OL	6'2"	315	Fr.	Friendswood, TX	91	Petersen, Alex	K	6'4"	205	Fr.	Carrollton, TX
33	Coonley, Matt	LB	5'11"	220	So.	St. Louis, MO	94	Pitts, Phil	DT	6'1"	276	Jr.	Jefferson City, MO
80	Crosby, Chris	WR	6'3"	202	So.	St. Louis, MO	35	Powell, Ryan	K	6'2"	215	Fr.	Springfield, MO
18	Curry, Terrence	CB	5'10"	177	Sr.	Dellwood, MO	19	Riccio, Santino	QB	6'1"	205	So.	Elwood City, PA
75	Deornellas, Kyle	OL	6'1"	305	Fr.	Paris, MO	51	Richardson, Stanford	OL	6'1"	279	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
76	Droege, Rob	OL	6'6"	300	Sr.	St. Louis, MO	70	Ricker, A.J.	OL	6'4"	295	Sr.	Klein, TX
23	Edwards, Ryan	CB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Eldon, MO	63	Sanchez, Steven	OL	6'4"	305	Sr.	Visalia, CA
97	Ellison, Atiyah	DL	6'4"	290	Jr.	St. Louis, MO	9	Scott, Justin	S	6'0"	196	So.	Lufkin, TX
41	Ewigman, Lee	S	6'1"	213	So.	Marceline, MO	69	Sells, Scott	OL	6'5"	295	Sr.	Columbia, MO
83	Gannon, Jason	DE	6'2"	240	So.	DeSoto, MO	6	Simpson, Jason	FS	6'0"	193	So.	The Woodlands, TX
57	Gianino, Joe	OL	6'3"	300	Jr.	Eureka, MO	16	Smith, Brad	QB	6'2"	205	So.	Youngstown, OH
35	Goshler, Todd	P	6'1"	196	Sr.	San Diego, CA	31	Smith, Brandon	LB	6'1"	206	So.	Stanford, KY
4	Gooden, Orlando	LB	6'0"	216	So.	East St. Louis, IL	19	Smith, Brian	DE	6'3"	220	Fr.	Denton, TX
64	Groth, Rusty	DL	6'4"	270	Sr.	Glendale, MO	27	Starks, Tim	S	6'1"	203	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
26	Harden, Michael	CB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Kansas City, MO	81	Stephens, Earl	DL	6'4"	276	So.	Ferndale, MI
43	Harrell, Seth	LB	5'10"	219	Fr.	Jackson, MO	67	Strom, Zach	OL	6'1"	231	Jr.	Columbia, MO
33	Harrington, Dedrick	S	6'3"	223	Fr.	Mexico, MO	46	Sweat, Henry	LB	6'0"	225	Jr.	Irving, TX
13	Harvey, Brock	P	6'1"	197	Jr.	Centertown, MO	43	Tarpoft, Nick	DE	6'3"	250	Jr.	Edwardsville, IL
10	Hibbets, Josh	QB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Enid, OK	93	Uzagaleli, Mau	TE	6'3"	234	Sr.	Pomona, CA
53	Hoover, Rob	DT	6'1"	232	So.	Brookfield, MO	8	Viehmann, Beau	RB	5'9"	197	Jr.	Owensville, MO
36	Hoskins, Andrew	WR	6'2"	202	Fr.	Plattsburg, MO	96	Ville, Zach	DT	6'2"	272	Jr.	Miami, FL
95	Howard, DeQuincy	TE	6'4"	245	Fr.	Tyler, TX	31	Wade, Quincy	S	5'9"	182	So.	St. Louis, MO
1	James, Marcus	WR	5'8"	174	Sr.	Liberal, KS	17	Washington, Calvin	CB	6'0"	192	So.	Lancaster, TX
43	Johnson, Rayfield	CB	5'10"	172	Sr.	Lonedell, MO	60	Wheatley, Scott	DT	6'2"	285	So.	Cleveland, MO
65	Kauflin, Zach	DE	6'2"	236	So.	Bonne Terre, MO	22	Williams, Nino	DB	6'1"	183	Jr.	Oklahoma City, OK
7	Kincade, A.J.	CB	5'10"	182	So.	St. Louis, MO	19	Wilson, Justin	TB	6'1"	212	Fr.	Plattsburg, MO
36	King, Marcus	FS	5'10"	185	Jr.	Irving, TX	58	Young, Cliff	OL	6'2"	300	Sr.	St. Louis, MO

2003 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Josh Barbo TE 6'5" 250 Conway Springs, KS
 Earned All-America honors from *The Sporting News* in 2002. Rated the No. 9 TE in the country by *Rivals.com*. Named Gatorade Player of the Year in Kansas as a senior.

Greg Bracey ATH 6'3" 190 Milwaukee, WI
 Caught 25 passes for 615 yards and 12 TDs in 2002. Rated the No. 47 prospect in the Midwest Region by *SuperPrep*.

Gartrell Cooper DE 6'4" 240 Arlington, TX
 Rated among the top 60 strong-side DEs in the country by *Rivals.com*. Named to the all-district team as a senior.

Brad Ekwerokwu ATH 6'3" 190 Arlington, TX
 Hauled in 31 passes for 574 yards and five TDs as a senior. Named first-team all-district in 2002.

Xzavie Jackson DE 6'4" 235 Wichita, KS
 Rated the No. 1 DE in the state by *MoKansFootball.com*. A two-way starter who also is rated nationally as a TE by *Rivals.com*.

Tyler Luellen OL 6'7" 280 Bethany, MO
 Rated the No. 4 prospect in the state by *Rivals.com*. Named to the *PrepStar* All-America squad as a senior.

Damien Nash RB 5'11" 205 St. Louis, MO
 Rated the No. 23 JC prospect in the country by *Rivals.com*. Spent two seasons at Coffeyville (KS) CC. Will have three years of eligibility after sitting out last season with a knee injury.

M.J. Norman OL 6'5" 280 Chesterfield, MO
 One of three MU recruits from Eureka HS. Earned first-team all-state and all-metro honors as a senior.

Marty Raab OL 6'6" 300 Ellisville, MO
 Ranked the No. 32 OG in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Did not allow a sack in three years as a starter.

Jason Ray WR 6'2" 200 Porter, OK
 Rated among the Top 50 WRs in the country by *Rivals.com*. Caught 64 passes for 864 yards and 11 TDs as a senior. Earned all-state mention by both the coaches and the media in 2002.

Martin Rucker TE 6'5" 220 St. Joseph, MO
 A first-team all-state TE. Earned all-conference honors as a DE. Rated the No. 28 TE in the nation according to *Rivals.com*.

Victor Sesay TE 6'6" 255 Silver Spring, MD
 Rated among the Top 100 JC prospects in the nation by *SuperPrep*. Caught 20 passes for 285 yards and three TDs as a sophomore at Ventura (CA) College.

Lareno Seymour DB 6'0" 180 St. Louis, MO
 Named Hazelwood East High School Defensive MVP as a senior. Named first-team all-state by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Adam Spieker OL/DL 6'3" 290 Webb City, MO
 Rated the No. 26 OG in the country by *Rivals.com*. A two-time all-state performer.

Darnell Terrell DB 6'3" 205 St. Louis, MO
 Rated the No. 1 DB in the Midlands Region by *SuperPrep*. First-team all-state as a DB in 2002.

Zane Tomlin DL 6'3" 280 San Antonio, TX
 Ranked the No. 15 DT in the country by *Rivals.com*. Recorded 126 tackles and 13 sacks as a senior.

Phinney Troy TE/DL 6'4" 240 St. Louis, MO
 A two-way starter who received all-state mention at both TE and DL. Caught 34 passes for 418 yards and one TD as a senior.

Lorenzo Williams LB 6'2" 235 Midwest City, OK
 Rated the No. 27 LB in the nation by *SuperPrep*. Tallied 127 tackles, 42 TFLs and six sacks as a senior.

Nino Williams DB 6'1" 190 Oklahoma City, OK
 A first-team JC All-American at Tyler (TX) JC. Recorded 73 tackles and five INTs as a sophomore.

Alex Woodley ATH 5'11" 185 Mesquite, TX
 Earned all-district honors at both RB and DB. Scored nine TDs as a RB in 2002.

Marcus Woods ATH 5'8" 185 Farmington Hills, MI
 Rushed for 1,550 yards and 23 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 8 all-purpose RB in the country by *Rivals.com*. Holds Harrison HS career marks in rushing yards (4,803) and TDs (90).

Monte Wyrick OL 6'5" 315 Texarkana, AR
 Named the best lineman in Class 5A as a senior. Rated the No. 4 prospect in the state by *SuperPrep*.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR 3	Darius Outlaw (Sr.)	80	Chris Crosby (So.)
WR 87	Thomson Omboga (Jr.)	88	Arnold Britt (So.)
WR 12	Sean Coffey (So.)	37	Andrew Hoskins (Fr.)
WT 76	Rob Droege (Sr.)	68	Tony Clinker (Jr.)
WG 52	Tony Palmer (So.)	57	Joe Gianino (Jr.)
C 70	A.J. Ricker (Sr.)	69	Scott Sells (Sr.)
SG 58	Cliff Young (Sr.)	55	Mike Cook (Fr.)
ST 78	Scott Paffrath (Jr.)	63	Steven Sanchez (Sr.)
TE 89	J.D. McCoy (Sr.)	95	DeQuincy Howard (Fr.)
QB 16	Brad Smith (So.)	19	Sonny Riccio (So.)
TB 38	Zack Abron (Sr.)	27	Tim Starks (Sr.)

Defense (6)

DE 39	Brian Smith (Fr.)	64	Rusty Groth (Sr.)
DT 73	Russ Bell (Sr.)	94	Phil Pitts (Jr.)
NT 97	Atiyah Ellison (Jr.)	99	C.J. Mosley (So.)
DE 96	Zach Ville (Jr.)	64	Rusty Groth (Sr.)
LB 46	Henry Sweat (Jr.)	40	Derrick Ming (So.)
LB 24	James Kinney (Jr.)	21	Brandon Barnes (Sr.)
Whip 6	Jason Simpson (So.)	49	Brian Fuller (Jr.)
CB 7	A.J. Kincade (So.)	17	Calvin Washington (So.)
CB 26	Michael Harden (Sr.)	18	Terrence Curry (Sr.)
ROV 9	Justin Scott (So.)	33	Dedrick Harrington (Fr.)
FS 22	Nino Williams (Jr.)	36	Marcus King (Jr.)

Special Teams

K 34	Mike Matheny (Sr.)
P 13	Brock Harvey (Jr.)
KR 86	Shirdonya Mitchell (Sr.)
PR 1	Marcus James (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brad Smith, 196-366-2,333-6, 15 TDs
Rushing: Brad Smith, 193 car., 1,029 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Thomson Omboga, 21 rec., 253 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Zack Abron, 17 TDs, 102 points
Punting: Brock Harvey, 54 punts, 42.5 avg.
Kicking: Mike Matheny, 9-13 FGs, 40-42 XPs, 67 points
Tackles: James Kinney, 144, 83 solo
Tackles for loss: James Kinney, 10 for 39 yds.
Sacks: James Kinney, 6
Interceptions: Michael Harden, 2 for 7 yds.
Kickoff returns: Shirdonya Mitchell, 16 ret., 24.1 avg.
Punt returns: Marcus James, 24 ret., 13.6 avg.

2002 Results

A. 31	Illinois	W	33-20
S. 7	Ball State	W	41-6
S. 14	at Bowling Green	L	28-51
S. 28	Troy State	W	44-7
O. 5	Oklahoma	L	24-31
O. 12	at Nebraska	L	13-24
O. 19	at Texas Tech	L	38-52
O. 26	Kansas	W	36-12
N. 2	at Iowa State	L	35-42
N. 9	Colorado	L	35-42
N. 16	at Texas A&M	W	33-27
N. 23	Kansas State	L	0-38

MIZZOU'S MAIN MAN

by Mike DeArmond



David Preston

Sherri Smith stood with her arms outstretched, waiting for her son. "This is the promise of God coming to pass," she sang out with all the fervor of a gospel choir.

And then her son vaulted up over the wall that separates the football field from the front row of the stands at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. There was her Brad, filling Sherri Smith's arms after filling long-suffering Missouri fans with optimism over what lay ahead.

That was Aug. 31, 2002, minutes after Brad Smith, the first freshman to start a Missouri season opener at quarterback, had run, thrown and willed Missouri to a 33-20 upset of reigning Big 10 champion Illinois.

Before the season was over — at 5-7 with near-upsets against No. 22 Iowa State, No. 18 Colorado and No. 3 Oklahoma — thousands of Missouri football fans would come to view Brad Smith as their program's deliverer.

for good purposes. Last spring he appeared in a public service television spot to combat underage drinking. "It was trying to encourage people to be mentors of kids," Smith says. "Kids now are starting drinking around 12 years old. I want to help stop that if I can."

Smith says he will be open to other such efforts. "If it's positive, I'll do as many of those as possible," he says. "As long as I can keep my focus, be with my team the way that I need to be."

Smith's sudden celebrity isn't really a concern for Pinkel, simply because the Tigers' third-year head coach is such a control freak that he will not allow it to become a distraction.

"I want him to be treated like any other player around here," Pinkel says. "There will be certain things that he'll sign that go through my secretary as far as footballs and jerseys and things like that. There will be a set amount of time that he signs them, and what time he's

Offensive Newcomer and Offensive Freshman of the Year.

Will that success change Brad Smith? Has it already?

"Are you kidding me?" says receiver Darius Outlaw, who started seven games at quarterback in 2000 and two games in 2001. "His work ethic is the same as it was last year. It's even increased. Brad is the most level-headed person you'll ever meet in your life. He's just going to go out there and do what he does. Every single day. Just be Brad. Make everybody smile, happy to be around him."

Pinkel reminds everyone, including Smith, that as far as he has come, he has far to go. "Brad Smith's not there," Pinkel says. "He's got to become a great thrower, which he's capable of being. He had a good year, but he certainly can be a heck of a lot better player than what he was. He threw 53 percent completions. That's not even close to what you want."

"HE IS THE FACE OF MISSOURI FOOTBALL RIGHT NOW AND EVERYBODY KNOWS IT."

— MU QUARTERBACK COACH DAVID YOST

As a redshirt freshman, Smith became only the second major college quarterback to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 in a single season. He finished with 2,333 yards by air, 1,029 by land. Many true believers anticipate that as a sophomore, Smith will lead Missouri not only to its third winning season in 20 years, but also to its first bowl game since 1998, and possibly its first major bowl since the Orange Bowl of Jan. 1, 1970.

"He is the face of Missouri football right now and everybody knows it," says MU quarterback coach David Yost.

Smith is, of course, only one piece of the program being put together by head coach Gary Pinkel. Junior college running back Damien Nash is now on board to give Mizzou a breakaway threat to complement the bruising Zack Abnon. The offensive line is seasoned. The receiving corps looks flush with talent, despite the loss of record-setting Justin Gage. Defensively, however, the Tigers have much to prove.

But in Brad Smith, Missouri has its quarterback of the present — and future. And already he has proven to be a recruiting magnet.

"Michael Vick helped Virginia Tech in recruiting everybody," Yost says.

Smith's premiere season had the same effect at Missouri. "I don't know if I ever remember one player that everybody knew so much about," Pinkel says. "Instantly."

And Smith has already used that notoriety

going to do it. Trust me. I'm going to regulate all that."

For his part, Smith appears more than ready to maintain his focus. During the winter of his redshirt season, Smith's most frequent hangout was the Missouri indoor practice field. There, alone as often as not, he would set up plastic garbage cans at strategic spots. He would fade left, spring right, drop three steps, five and seven, and then throw footballs into those cans.

The same was true last December and January and February. Celebrity did not change that habit.

"It's a totally different experience for me," Smith admits. "But it's the same type of challenges for me. Moving on, getting better."

The more he works — on steps, on reads, in the weight room, in the classroom — the closer Brad Smith will be to his ultimate individual goal. "Becoming a total, and hopefully, a perfect player," he says. "That can't happen. But I'm going to shoot for it."

A year ago, Missouri led the nation in fewest turnovers, with 11. Smith threw only six interceptions in 366 attempts, a mind-boggling .016 pick-off percentage. He threw for completions of 20 yards or more 33 times and he ran for 20 yards or more 14 times. He even caught one pass of 31 yards. And he didn't take a single delay of game penalty in more than 800 plays.

No wonder Smith was a first-team Freshman All-American. No wonder he was the Big 12

Pinkel would like Smith to stay in the pocket more often this fall, but he doesn't want to eliminate one of the Tigers' most successful offensive plays — the impromptu quarterback scramble.

"We have to be smart about it," Pinkel says, fully aware that the Tigers' season could crumble with an injury to his star quarterback.

And yet, the kid — he won't turn 20 until mid-December — has a knack for tucking and running. He ran for 75 yards and a touchdown against archrival Kansas. He ran for two 25-yard touchdowns against Oklahoma. He uncorked "now you see him and now you don't" scampers of 39 yards and 24 yards against Illinois.

The fact that Smith runs the way he does is something of a Forrest Gump-like miracle. He was born with a deformity in both feet that forced him to wear braces, corrective shoes, and at times, even casts.

"They broke my ankles, or my feet," Smith says, although he was too young to remember. "They told me I was crying, screaming."

Smith's father, Phillip Smith, recalls that as a young boy Brad was scared of football. Phillip and Sherri Smith lived in South Central Los Angeles at the time, and later divorced with Sherri taking Brad and her other two children to Youngstown, Ohio.

It was there that Brad became a football player, on a church league team called Sons of Thunder.

His coach at Chaney High School, Ron Berdis, remembers Smith as quiet off the football field, a natural-born killer on it. "I've seen him escape the inescapable," Berdis says. "I've seen him make runs and throws that you went, 'Wow!' I've seen the tiger."

How Smith became a Tiger at Missouri is a story unto itself.

Pinkel, then the coach at Toledo, was one of the few college coaches showing much interest in the talented but skinny prep quarterback. When Pinkel took the job at Missouri, he maintained that interest. But first, Pinkel and defensive coordinator Matt Eberflus, had to meet the good folks at the Mount Calvary Pentecostal Church, who were more than a little protective of Brad.

Bishop Norman Wagner had assembled a committee of seven people to investigate Pinkel, his program, the school, the community of Columbia. One by one those people gave their reports, with Pinkel and Eberflus seated in chairs in Wagner's church office.

Ultimately, Wagner fixed on Pinkel with a stare. "We're going to allow Brad to go to Missouri," Wagner said. "We trust you."

Then, Wagner said something else, with such conviction that Pinkel still gets goose bumps when he repeats the words.

"You have no idea what you've got here," Wagner told Pinkel.

Pinkel and a lot of other people know now.

Brad Smith is nearly too good to be true. True to his talent and true to his religious faith. He offers to share both with his teammates, without putting them off with either.

"He knows everybody responds to things differently," Outlaw says. "He responds to the church life a lot different than I do. He's there every Sunday. I can honestly say I'm not in church every Sunday. I know that I have God with me. But Brad doesn't preach that on anybody."

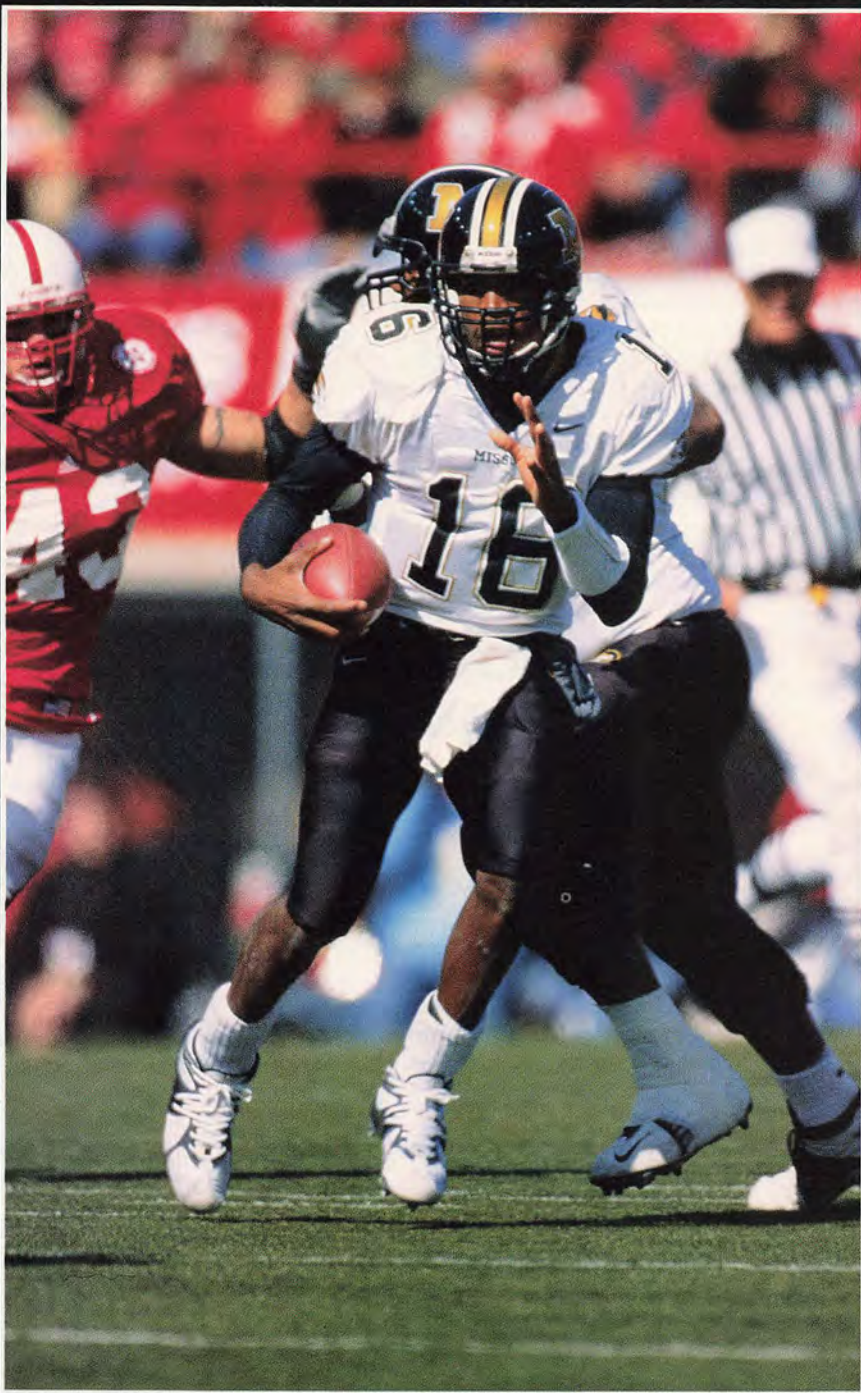
Somehow, somehow, Smith is at once unassuming yet a commanding presence. Reminded of his mother's words that his life is a prophecy of God coming to pass, Smith does not flinch.

"I believe it's happening," he says.

Reminded of Yost's words about being the face of Missouri football, Smith deftly sidesteps that designation.

"I am the face of myself," Smith says. "I feel the expectations. I just try to turn it into a positive, make everything a positive. We do feel it. It can be pressure at times. But if you can focus it and channel it the right way, it can work out well for us."

And now it is back to the place where it began. Missouri opens the 2003 season against Illinois, in St. Louis, at the Edward Jones Dome on Aug. 30.



David Preston

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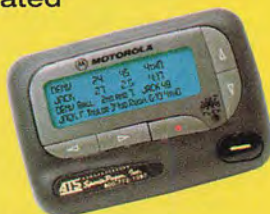
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Nebraska's 7-7 season, its worst since 1961, elicited sweeping changes. Sixth-year head coach Frank Solich has restructured his staff, hiring six new full-time assistants, including both coordinators. Like Tom Osborne before him, Solich had served as his own offensive coordinator.

The defense will be different — though new coordinator Bo Pelini has been guarded in discussing how — as will the offense, though it will still be run-based, under the direction of QB Jammal Lord.

"We're adapting," says Solich. His future depends on how well the Cornhuskers adapt and whether they can work their way back into contention in the Big 12 North. That's no easy task.

quarterbacks

At times, Lord played as well as any college quarterback in the country, according to Solich. Lord left no doubt about his running ability, breaking the school record for rushing yards by a quarterback. He carried 251 times, more than a third of the team's total. He also set a school record for total offense. But he was an inconsistent passer, completing fewer than 50 percent of his throws in a play-action system that should have the quarterback connecting on 55 to 60 percent of his attempts. Part of the problem was a lack of coordination

with the offensive line, creating situations in which he had to run.

"We've got a great deal of confidence in Jammal," says Solich.

Depth is a significant concern. Curt Dukes is coming off knee surgery, which limited him in the spring, and Mike Stuntz doesn't seem to have the coaches' confidence as Lord's back-up.

running backs

David Horne was pulled out of a red-shirt and responded with the toughness to run inside and an instinctive patience to wait for holes to open. However, Solich is still looking for big-play potential, something that has been lacking, and if Horne can't provide that, several others will be eager to step in. There is a glut of scholarship I-backs, and new offensive coordinator Barney Cotton will try to incorporate them in various ways.

Nebraska also is deep at fullback. The best and most experienced is Judd Davies, who figures to be utilized more both as a runner and pass receiver in the restructured system.

The Cornhuskers will continue to build off the run. "I hope the fans don't have the mindset that they're going to see the ball winged down the field every other snap," says Solich. "We know how to run the ball." That won't change.

Big 12 North Prediction: 4th

National Forecast: #36

receivers

The passing game must improve. The Cornhuskers might not fill the air with passes, but Cotton is expected to have them throwing more efficiently and in less predictable situations.

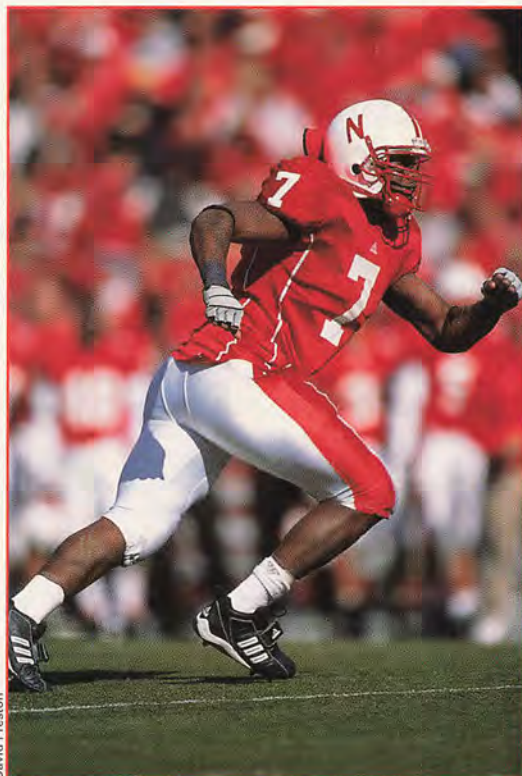
Ross Pilkington and Matt Herian, who both played last fall as true freshmen, are the only experienced receivers. Pilkington, who played two seasons of professional baseball before enrolling at NU, has the toughness to go over the middle. Herian, a big-play tight end, will become a "household name, not only in Nebraska but probably across America," receivers coach Ron Brown says.

Herian has gotten bigger to help with blocking, but speed is his biggest asset. Four of his seven receptions went for touchdowns, and he averaged 43 yards per catch. He can be "one of the great ones," says Brown.

Mark LeFlore, who also played as a true freshman, has the speed to be a down-the-field receiver.

offensive linemen

Richie Incognito, the Cornhuskers' best lineman, moved from left tackle to center in the spring, then moved back because of the development of Josh Sewell at center. Incognito has a quick first step, strength and tenacity. He needs to control his



David Preston

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Turnaround

Staff stability has long been a factor in Nebraska's remarkable success, so the Cornhuskers have moved into uncharted waters. The first concern in the spring was getting everyone on the same page, both coaches and players. It's a process that, no doubt, will continue well into two-a-days. One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of the line to offensive success, an inescapable fact that became painfully apparent last season. Quarterback Jammal Lord can do the job at a high level if he has some help. Bo Pelini seems to have the right personality type to restore a hard edge to the Blackshirt defense, which showed dramatic signs of decline. The Cornhuskers can finish in the upper half of the north division and keep their bowl streak alive. Expecting any more than that might be unrealistic.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Oklahoma State	*
S. 6	Utah State	W
S. 13	Penn State	*
S. 25	at Southern Miss	*
O. 4	Troy State	W
O. 11	at Missouri	*
O. 18	Texas A&M	*
O. 25	Iowa State	W
N. 1	at Texas	L
N. 8	at Kansas	W
N. 15	Kansas State	L
N. 28	at Colorado	*

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Demorrio Williams: 92 total tackles in 2002

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Jammal Lord



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Philip Bland

aggression, however. He was suspended a game for fighting and missed some of spring practice for violating team policy.

Returning starters Mike Erickson and Dan Vili Waldrop form a base around which Cotton, who also coaches the line, can build. Junior Tagoa'i's status is uncertain after another brush with the law.

Nick Povendo and Jemayel Phillips were pushed into backup roles with Incognito's return to tackle, while Jake Andersen played well enough to be the swing guard. Cotton has indicated he would like to include at least eight players in a regular rotation, a system that would help in developing chemistry.

112 Nebraska ranked 112th nationally in passing. Only North Texas, Rice, Navy, Air Force and Ohio ranked lower among Division I-A teams.

defensive linemen

Pelini expects to have some surprises in store for Nebraska's early opponents. Terminology has changed for a defense that won't depend on multiple alignments, according to Solich. "You'll see a team that will pursue extremely hard," he says. Solich won't elaborate beyond that, however. "(Pelini) wants as many surprises as he possibly can have for the first ball game," Solich says.

Whatever the defense, play up-front will be critical to success. Trevor Johnson, a proven

pass rusher, is the only end with significant experience. Benard Thomas, who elected to redshirt last fall, could be ready to break out. Titus Adams was moved to end in the spring in an attempt to shore up the position. Adam Carriker also stepped up, and transfer Wali Muhammad could help.

Patrick Kabongo has moved to the noseguard spot, where Ryon Bingham is a fixture. Jason Lohr, who has missed two seasons because of a knee injury, received a sixth season of eligibility and could help there, too. Tackle is set with Le Kevin Smith.

linebackers

Demorrio Williams, Barrett Ruud and T.J. Hollowell have shown they can pursue. Williams and Ruud, who played in the middle, were involved in a combined 183 tackles. Ruud also was credited with 12 tackles for a loss and was an effective pass rusher, with 13 quarterback hurries.

Williams and Hollowell both played the weak side position, but Hollowell was moved to the newly designated "buck" linebacker in the spring in order to get both of them on the field.

Lannie Hopkins, who blocked three punts on special teams, also has speed and was moved from the secondary in the spring in order to utilize his playmaking ability. Still, depth is a concern.

Pelini isn't coaching a position, so he can be involved in all aspects of the defense. But after three years as the Green Bay Packers' linebackers coach his influence will be apparent with this unit.

defensive backs

Philip Bland, who was third on the team with 84 tackles, is a stabilizing force in the secondary at safety, and Fabian Washington is the best of the cornerbacks.

Washington set a school record for pass break-ups by a freshman with 13 and tied the freshman record for interceptions with four. He is the fastest player in the secondary, having run the 40 in an

★ RISING STAR

Redshirt freshman **Jemayel Phillips** is an imposing presence at the all-important left tackle position and could end up starting in his first season. Nicknamed "Big Smooth," Phillips is fundamentally sound and has a "lot of raw talent," says offensive coordinator Barney Cotton.

electronically timed 4.47 seconds on FieldTurf. Willie Amos, who's coming off a knee injury, also has run a 4.47.

Lornell McPherson had a solid spring as secondary coach Marvin Sanders looked for a second cornerback to go alongside Washington. Pat Ricketts also will play there.

Safeties Daniel Bullocks and Josh Bullocks are athletic but still learning. Jerrell Pippens and Shane Siegel figure in the mix at safety. "It's wide open," says Pelini.

specialists

Punter Kyle Larson, a second-team all-conference selection, has established himself among the nation's best, averaging 43.2 yards and putting 23 of his 73 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line.

Placekicker Sandro DeAngelis is coming off an injury and will have to hold off a challenge from Dale Endorf, a former transfer from Friends University who kicked two field goals against Colorado, including a 49-yarder.

Josh Davis already has rewritten the kickoff return section of the school record book.

Outside the Huddle

All in the family Nebraska's six new full-time assistants include three who played for the Cornhuskers, Barney Cotton, Marvin Sanders and Jimmy Williams. Carryovers Turner Gill and Jeff Jamrog also played at Nebraska, as did head coach Frank Solich. Two of the other new assistants had previously coached at Nebraska—Scott Downing and Tim Albin, who was promoted from graduate assistant.

Streaks intact, mostly Nebraska played in its 34th consecutive bowl game and extended its NCAA record for consecutive home sellouts to 255. The Cornhuskers' string of nine-win seasons ended at 33.

Retro unis After one season with a new look, the Cornhuskers have returned to traditional uniforms, including red pants with white jerseys on the road. "We really don't need distractions, and the uniform issue became something of a distraction," new athletic director Steve Pederson says.

More jucos, maybe Nebraska has never recruited junior college players heavily, signing only 44 in the past 30 years. But that could be changing, with three in this year's class, including offensive lineman Darren DeLone. The Cornhuskers hadn't recruited a junior college offensive lineman since 1970.

Big-play guy Tight end Matt Herian's 43-yards-per-reception average would have been a school record had he met the 10-catch minimum. He caught only seven passes. If he had caught three more passes for a net of zero yards, he still would have broken the record.

2003 Nebraska Roster

2002 Record:
Big 12 Record:

7-7
3-5

Head Coach
Frank Solich

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
96	Adams, Titus	DE	6'3"	290	So.	Omaha, NE
27	Amos, Willie	CB	6'0"	185	Jr.	Sweetwater, TX
87	Andersen, Chase	DE	6'1"	220	Fr.	Lincoln, NE
71	Andersen, Jake	G	6'1"	300	Jr.	Littleton, CO
59	Bingham, Ryon	NT	6'3"	290	Sr.	Sandy, UT
21	Bland, Philip	SS	5'11"	205	Jr.	Lafayette, CO
46	Bradley, Stewart	MLB	6'4"	260	Fr.	Salt Lake City, UT
18	Brungardt, Mark	BLB	6'2"	225	Fr.	Norfolk, NE
65	Bryant, Chris	DT	6'3"	280	Fr.	Aurora, CO
39	Buller, Chad	WLB	5'11"	215	Sr.	Henderson, NE
14	Bullocks, Daniel	SS	6'1"	200	So.	Chattanooga, TN
20	Bullocks, Josh	FS	6'1"	195	So.	Chattanooga, TN
4	Butler, Terrell	CB	5'10"	190	Sr.	Austell, GA
90	Carriker, Adam	DE	6'6"	260	Fr.	Kennewick, WA
11	Cooper, Ira	BLB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Omaha, NE
4	Davies, Judd	FB	6'0"	250	Sr.	Omaha, NE
1	Davis, Josh	IB	5'11"	205	Sr.	Loveland, CO
22	DeAngelis, Sandro	K	5'8"	190	Jr.	Niagara Falls, ON
7	Dukes, Curt	QB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Stony Point, CO
32	Endorf, Dale	K	6'0"	210	Sr.	Wichita, KS
78	Erickson, Mike	G	6'4"	305	Jr.	Omaha, NE
97	Evwaraye, Seppo	DT	6'5"	320	So.	Laurel, NE
62	Fisher, Anthony	DE	6'1"	235	Fr.	Arapahoe, NE
28	Fluellen, Isaiah	WR	6'0"	185	Fr.	Ramstein, Germany
99	Greeson, Brandon	NT	6'3"	315	Fr.	High Point, NC
6	Grixby, DeAntae	FB	5'8"	215	Sr.	Omaha, NE
58	Haney, Justin	G	5'11"	295	Fr.	Ojai, CA
5	Hansen, Ben	IB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Cedar Bluffs, NE
73	Helming, Jared	NT	6'3"	290	So.	Springfield, MO
11	Herian, Matt	TE	6'5"	240	So.	Pierce, NE
2	Hollowell, T.J.	BLB	6'0"	230	Jr.	Copperas Cove, TX
40	Hopkins, Lannie	WLB	6'2"	220	Jr.	Rowlett, TX
9	Horne, David	IB	6'0"	190	So.	Omaha, NE
29	Huston, Kellen	CB	5'11"	200	Jr.	Ankeny, IA
49	Ickes, Adam	BLB	6'2"	225	So.	Page, NE
51	Incognito, Richie	T	6'3"	300	So.	Glendale, AZ
88	Johnson, Trevor	DE	6'4"	255	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
94	Kabongo, Patrick	DT	6'6"	320	Sr.	Montreal, PQ
9	Kadavy, Andy	FB	5'11"	225	Fr.	Seward, NE
49	Kenney, Tyler	WR	6'1"	180	Fr.	Kearney, NE
46	Knopp, John	TE	6'3"	245	So.	Lincoln, NE
45	Kriewald, Steve	FB	5'10"	250	Jr.	Scotts, NE
19	Larson, Kyle	P	6'0"	205	Sr.	Funk, NE
10	LeFlore, Mark	WR	5'11"	185	So.	Omaha, NE
66	Lewie, Jermaine	G	6'1"	315	Fr.	Weatherford, TX
62	Leslin, Kristopher	BLB	6'3"	205	Fr.	Miami, FL
13	Liley, Tim	WR	6'2"	205	Sr.	Lakewood, CO
70	Lohr, Jason	NT	6'2"	280	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
12	Long, DeWayne	FS	6'0"	210	Jr.	W. Des Moines, IA
76	Loos, Chris	T	6'3"	290	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
5	Lord, Jammal	QB	6'2"	220	Sr.	Bayonne, NJ

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
64	Mann, Kurt	C	6'3"	290	Fr.	Grand Island, NE
18	McLaughlin, Mike	WR	5'11"	180	So.	Omaha, NE
1	McPherson, Lornell	CB	5'9"	175	Jr.	Omaha, NE
32	Miller, Grant	FB	6'0"	225	Fr.	Peabody, MA
21	Miller, Robin	IB	5'11"	230	Sr.	Kent, WA
44	Moore, Jay	RE	6'4"	265	Fr.	Elkhorn, NE
23	Mutfwang, Nanfwang	IB	5'6"	185	So.	Lincoln, NE
24	O'Holleran, Jack	WR	5'10"	205	Jr.	North Platte, NE
63	O'Shea, Matt	DT	6'0"	270	So.	Irving, TX
82	Petz, Phil	TE	6'2"	270	Sr.	Elkhorn, NE
62	Phillips, Jemayel	T	6'6"	365	Fr.	Winfield, LA
56	Pike, Gary	T	6'4"	320	So.	Pueblo, CO
2	Pilkington, Ross	WR	6'0"	190	So.	Fort Collins, CO
31	Pippens, Jerrell	FS	6'2"	195	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
25	Pittman, Kade	WR	5'11"	200	Fr.	North Platte, NE
69	Povendo, Nick	T	6'3"	300	Jr.	Keller, TX
47	Probasco, Nate	WLB	6'2"	225	Fr.	Scribner, NE
53	Reeves, Mitch	WLB	6'3"	225	Fr.	Weston, NE
29	Reidius, Seth	WR	5'11"	190	So.	Lincoln, NE
28	Ricketts, Pat	CB	5'11"	180	Sr.	Omaha, NE
24	Rigoni, Brandon	SS	5'6"	180	Fr.	Lincoln, NE
30	Robison, Joey	CB	5'9"	170	So.	Bertrand, NE
22	Ross, Cory	IB	5'6"	215	So.	Denver, CO
70	Rowe, Tyler	G	6'2"	295	So.	Arlington, TX
38	Ruud, Barrett	MLB	6'2"	240	Jr.	Lincoln, NE
42	Safranek, Steve	MLB	6'1"	240	Sr.	Omaha, NE
54	Schott, Carson	G	6'2"	320	So.	Osceola, NE
79	Sewell, Josh	C	6'2"	300	Sr.	Lincoln, NE
8	Shanle, Andrew	CB	6'1"	200	Fr.	St. Edward, TX
76	Shrader, Matt	DE	6'1"	245	Jr.	Ravenna, NE
23	Siegel, Shane	SS	6'2"	220	So.	Grand Island, NE
54	Sievers, Chad	LB/RE	6'3"	230	Jr.	Valley, NE
33	Simmons, Marques	IB	5'8"	195	So.	Davenport, IA
66	Smith, Le Kevin	DT	6'2"	305	So.	Macon, GA
12	Smith, Ronnie	WR	5'10"	160	Fr.	Carson, CA
87	Starkebaum, Seth	WR	5'11"	185	Fr.	Haxton, CO
16	Stuntz, Mike	QB	6'1"	200	Jr.	Council Bluffs, IA
55	Tagoa'i, Junior	G	6'2"	300	Sr.	Hauula, HI
5	Thomas, Benard	DE	6'4"	265	Jr.	East Palo Alto, CA
25	Tiedtke, Blake	SS	5'10"	195	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
57	Timm, Cory	T	6'4"	325	Fr.	Yutan, NE
41	Todd, Dane	FB	5'10"	235	Fr.	Lincoln, NE
68	Vili Waldrop, Dan	T	6'5"	350	Sr.	Wilmington, CA
3	Washington, Fabian	CB	5'11"	175	So.	Bradenton, FL
72	Wells, Sam	T	6'3"	275	Fr.	Bloomington, IL
43	Weltmer, Tim	FB	6'1"	245	So.	Smith Center, KS
9	Williams, Delrick	SS	5'10"	220	Sr.	Merrillville, IN
7	Williams, Demorrio	WLB	6'1"	210	Sr.	Beckville, TX
34	Wingender, Andy	TE	5'10"	250	Sr.	Omaha, NE
44	Woodward, Matthew	TE	6'2"	225	So.	Jefferson City, MO
3	Zajack, Ben	WR	6'0"	210	Jr.	Beatrice, NE

2003 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Greg Austin **OL** **6'2"** **290** **Cypress, TX**
 Earned honorable mention All-Midlands Region by PrepStars as a senior. Missed some of the 2002 season due to a foot injury.

Andy Birkel **WR** **6'3"** **175** **Lincoln, NE**
 Caught 31 passes for 747 yards and 10 TDs in 2002. Helped lead Southeast High School to a Class A State Championship. Earned first-team all-state honors by the Omaha-World Herald.

Titus Brothers **DB** **5'11"** **190** **Converse, TX**
 Helped lead Judson High School to a Class 5A state championship. Rated among the Top 100 prospects in the Southwest Region by SuperPrep.

Brett Byford **OL** **6'4"** **290** **Hartselle, AL**
 Named to the PrepStar All-Southeast Region team as a senior. Earned first-team all-state honors by the Birmingham News.

Steven Craver **FS** **6'2"** **195** **Hurst, TX**
 Rated the No. 25 prospect in the Metroplex by the Dallas Morning News. A two-way starter. Younger brother of former NU All-American Keyuo Craver.

Joe Dailey **QB** **6'1"** **200** **Jersey City, NJ**
 Rated the No. 13 dual-threat QB in the nation by Rivals.com. Combined for 2,161 yards of total offense and 32 TDs in 2002.

Donald DeFrاند **CB** **6'2"** **180** **Ft. Lauderdale, FL**
 Will have three years remaining after sitting out last season at Dodge City (KS) CC. Earned second-team junior college All-America honors in 2001.

Darren DeLone **OL** **6'5"** **320** **Ponoma, CA**
 Played two seasons at Mt. San Antonio (CA) CC. Rated the No. 13 JC OL prospect in the country by TheInsiders.com.

David Dyches **PK** **6'1"** **185** **Spring, TX**
 Rated the No. 12 K in the country by Rivals.com. Participated in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in San Antonio in 2003.

Tierre Green **ATH** **6'1"** **195** **Omaha, NE**
 Earned first-team Class A All-State honors by the Omaha World-Herald. Rushed for 627 yards and eight TDs as a senior.

Corey McKeon **LB** **6'2"** **215** **Naperville, IL**
 Totaled 1,900 all-purpose yards and 22 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 9 LB in the country by Tom Lemming.

Josh Mueller **TE** **6'6"** **250** **Columbus, NE**
 Rated the No. 9 TE in the country by TheInsiders.com. Missed most of 2002 season with injuries.

Wali Muhammad **RE** **6'2"** **245** **Bloomfield, NJ**
 Earned first-team All-Jayhawk Conference honors as a freshman at Coffeyville (KS) CC in 2002. Will have three years of eligibility remaining. Tallied a school record 22 sacks in 2002.

Chris Patrick **RE** **6'6"** **245** **Ithaca, MI**
 Earned first-team All-State by the Associated Press as a senior. Recorded 102 tackles in 2002. Rated the No. 45 prospect in the Midwest Region by SuperPrep.

J.B. Phillips **TE** **6'3"** **250** **Colleyville, TX**
 Earned honorable mention Class 5A All-State honors by the Texas Sports Writers Association. Caught 20 passes in 2002.

Bo Ruud **LB** **6'3"** **210** **Lincoln, NE**
 Named second-team All-State by the Omaha World-Herald. Brother Barrett Ruud started at LB for NU last season. Father Tom Ruud also played LB at NU during the mid-70s.

Ryan Schuler **OT** **6'7"** **270** **Sioux Falls, SD**
 Named Gatorade Player of the Year in South Dakota in 2002. Rated the No. 14 OT in the nation by Rivals.com.

Brandon Toamer **DT** **6'5"** **265** **Omaha, NE**
 Earned first-team All-Nebraska honors by the Omaha World-Herald. A two-way starter at DT and OG for powerhouse Central High School as a senior.

Adrain Turner **DB** **5'10"** **185** **Terrell, TX**
 Named offensive MVP of his respective district as a senior. Rated among the Top 75 prospects in the state by SuperPrep.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR	2	Ross Pilkington (So.)	13	Tim Liley (Sr.)
WR	24	Jack O'Holleran (Jr.)	10	Mark LeFlore (So.)
LT	51	Richie Incognito (So.)	62	Jemayel Phillips (Fr.)
LG	78	Mike Erickson (Jr.)	71	Jake Andersen (Jr.)
C	79	Josh Sewell (Sr.)	64	Kurt Mann (Fr.)
RG	55	Junior Tagoa'i (Sr.)	75	Brandon Koch (So.)
RT	68	Dan Vili Waldrop (Sr.)	69	Nick Povendo (Jr.)
TE	11	Matt Herian (So.)	82	Phil Petz (Sr.)
QB	5	Jammal Lord (Sr.)	16	Mike Stuntz (Jr.)
IB	9	David Horne (So.)	1	Josh Davis (Sr.)
FB	4	Judd Davies (Sr.)	6	DeAntae Grixby (Sr.)

Defense (9)

LDE	5	Benard Thomas (Jr.)	96	Titus Adams (So.)
NT	59	Ryon Bingham (Sr.)	94	Patrick Kabongo (Sr.)
DT	66	Le Kevin Smith (So.)	97	Seppo Evwaraye (So.)
RDE	88	Trevor Johnson (Sr.)	90	Adam Carriker (Fr.)
BLB	2	T.J. Hollowell (Sr.)	54	Chad Sievers (Jr.)
MLB	38	Barrett Ruud (Jr.)	11	Ira Cooper (Jr.)
WLB	7	Demorrio Williams (Sr.)	40	Lannie Hopkins (Jr.)
CB	3	Fabian Washington (So.)	4	Terrell Butler (Sr.)
CB	1	Lornell McPherson (Jr.)	28	Pat Ricketts (Sr.)
FS	20	Josh Bullocks (So.)	31	Jerrell Pippens (Sr.)
SS	21	Philip Bland (Jr.)	14	Daniel Bullocks (So.)

Special Teams

K	22	Sandro DeAngelis (Jr.)
P	19	Kyle Larson (Sr.)
KR	1	Josh Davis (Sr.)
PR	22	Cory Ross (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
 BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jammal Lord, 95-204-1,362-12, 12 TDs
Rushing: Jammal Lord, 251 car., 1,412 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Ross Pilkington, 14 rec., 301 yds., 1 TD
Scoring: Jammal Lord, 8 TDs, 48 points
Punting: Kyle Larson, 73 punts, 43.2 avg.
Kicking: Dale Endorf, 2-2 FGs, 1-1 XPs, 7 points
Tackles: Demorrio Williams, 92, 38 solo
Tackles for loss: Barrett Ruud, 12 for 36 yds.
Sacks: Trevor Johnson, 3.5
Interceptions: Fabian Washington, 4 for 35 yds.
Kickoff returns: Josh Davis, 42 ret., 23.7 avg.
Punt returns: 4 players with 1 ret.

2002 Results

A. 24	Arizona State	W	48-10
A. 31	Troy State	W	31-16
S. 7	Utah State	W	44-13
S. 14	at Penn State	L	7-40
S. 28	at Iowa State	L	14-36
O. 5	McNeese State	W	38-14
O. 12	Missouri	W	24-13
O. 19	at Oklahoma State	L	21-24
O. 26	at Texas A&M	W	38-31
N. 2	Texas	L	24-27
N. 9	Kansas	W	45-7
N. 16	at Kansas State	L	13-49
N. 29	Colorado	L	13-28
D. 27	#Ole Miss	L	23-27

#Independence Bowl

After all of the official visits and all of the courting, occasionally a prospect may still be undecided by signing day. It may not happen often, but it does occur. This was the case with All-America defensive tackle Lawrence "Mo" Dampeer. Offered by almost every top program in America, his list was initially narrowed down to Miami, Illinois, Ohio State and Oklahoma. He then pared the list down to two teams — hometown favorite Illinois and national power Oklahoma. He took some time to think it over, and after careful consideration he finally had a good feel for things. Two days after signing day, Dampeer signed with the Sooners, wanting to be part of the defensive tradition built under coach Bobby Stoops.

This late coup sealed the league recruiting title for Oklahoma, and some feel that Dampeer can have the same type of impact on the program as defensive lineman Tommie Harris had two years ago as a freshman.

Oklahoma had a terrific haul on the defensive side of the ball to go along with Dampeer. Safety Tony Cade is a big-time hitter who someday may approach the talent of former Sooner great Roy Williams. Linebackers Dane Zaslaw and Demario Pleasant come with lofty reputations as well. Offensively, quarterback Tommy Grady is a big, strong athlete with a live arm who should be a future star in Norman.

New Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione proved a worthy recruiting opponent for the rest of the Big 12. Defensive end Jason Jack and line-

Big 12 Recruiting

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas A&M
3. Texas
4. Colorado
5. Nebraska
6. Kansas State
7. Oklahoma State
8. Texas Tech
9. Kansas
10. Missouri
11. Iowa State
12. Baylor

backer Justin Warren have a chance to come in and add depth to the defense. Junior college defensive lineman Mike Montgomery falls into that same category. Offensively, hulking offensive tackle Jorrie Adams comes to College Station with outstanding credentials as well.

For Texas, it was another top-caliber recruiting haul and one that should complement last year's top-rated class. Tight end Tony Hills Jr. was ranked No. 1 nationally at his position and was a major get for the Longhorns. Tailback Erik Hardeman will provide immediate depth in the backfield. Finding true cornerbacks who can play press coverage is hard, but Billy Pittman and Tarell Brown fit into that category.

Colorado and Nebraska picked up several blue chippers as well. The Buffaloes' class is led by hard-hitting safety Dominique Brooks, who comes from Texas. Junior college linebacker Lee Foliaki brings

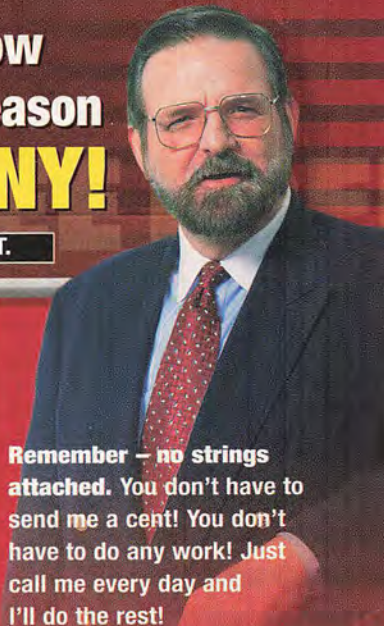
some major credentials to Boulder as well. The Huskers' top recruit is likely tight end Josh Mueller, a big, strong prospect. Offensive lineman Ryan Schuler has the same look as many of the other Nebraska road graders of the past.

Many other standouts inked with Big 12 schools, as well, including big-time defensive lineman Xavier Lawson-Kennedy, who is heading to Oklahoma State. Kansas State usually signs a few more junior college prospects than the rest of the league, and this year was no exception. Defensive lineman Malcolm Wooldridge and cornerback Corey Reddick expect to play immediately in Manhattan.

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1. Tony Hills Jr.	TE	6'6"	260	Houston, TX	Texas
2. Jorrie Adams	OL	6'7"	275	Jasper, TX	Texas A&M
3. Lawrence Dampeer	DL	6'3"	280	Decatur, IL	Oklahoma
4. Tarell Brown	DB	6'0"	180	Mesquite, TX	Texas
5. Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	DL	6'3"	305	Duncanville, TX	Oklahoma State
6. Tony Cade	DB	6'2"	200	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma
7. Tommy Grady	QB	6'6"	220	Huntington Beach, CA	Oklahoma
8. Robert Killebrew	LB	6'2"	210	Spring, TX	Texas
9. Akim Millington	OL	6'6"	300	Wheaton, IL	Oklahoma
10. Justin Warren	LB	6'3"	220	Tyler, TX	Texas A&M
11. Erik Hardeman	RB	6'1"	220	Pflugerville, TX	Texas
12. Tim Crowder	DL	6'4"	235	Tyler, TX	Texas
13. Demario Pleasant	LB	6'3"	210	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma
14. Dominique Brooks	DB	6'2"	195	Mesquite, TX	Colorado
15. Joey Thomas	TE	6'6"	225	Austin, TX	Texas A&M
16. Billy Pittman	ATH	6'0"	180	Cameron, TX	Texas
17. Dane Zaslaw	LB	6'2"	241	Edmond, OK	Oklahoma
18. Josh Mueller	TE	6'6"	250	Columbus, NE	Nebraska
19. Jason Jack	DL	6'3"	280	Humble, TX	Texas A&M
20. Tyrell Gatewood	WR	6'2"	190	Tyler, TX	Texas

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Aug 15 Jets (-1 1/2) **34**, Ravens 16



WIN!

College Football Opener

Aug 22 Colo St (Pick) **35**, Virginia 29



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NFL Blowout of the Week

Aug 22 Chargers (+4 1/2) **31**, Rams 10



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College Blowout Of The Month

Aug 29 BYU (-2 1/2) **42**, Syracuse 21



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College Upset Game of the Year

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Aug 31 Oregon (-13) **36**, Miss St 13



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It's getting harder and harder for opponents to believe TCU coach Gary Patterson when he starts talking about personnel shortcomings.

Two years ago, the Horned Frogs were having to deal with life after LaDainian Tomlinson when Patterson, in his first year as head coach, led the Horned Frogs to their fourth straight bowl bid.

Last year, the Horned Frogs had to replace veteran quarterback Casey Printers, but Patterson didn't panic. He inserted freshman Tye Gunn at quarterback in the second game and later took a redshirt off running back Lonta Hobbs. The combination carried the Horned Frogs to a 10-2 season, their first C-USA title and a win over Colorado State in the Liberty Bowl.

While Patterson talks candidly about his shortcomings, he also speaks confidently of finding replacements.

"(Last year's) team may have exceeded expectations outside these walls," Patterson says. "But inside, we felt we had a chance to be pretty good. We will try to treat this year just like we did going in a year ago when we were coming off a 6-5 season. We'll work like we're an underdog."

quarterbacks

The battle for the starting job could turn into a full-fledged Texas Gunn-Battle.

But for now, the unquestioned starter is

Gunn, a 6'3", 214-pound sophomore who had an immediate impact as a freshman. He was 4-0 in a starting role, and the Horned Frogs averaged 40.5 points per game while Gunn was running the show. A threat to run and an accurate passer — he completed 62.6 percent of his passes — Gunn had his season cut short by a knee injury in a 37-7 win over Southern Miss. Gunn was limited in the spring while continuing his rehabilitation but is expected to be at full strength in the fall.

Patterson will first look to junior Brandon Hassell or redshirt freshman Jeff Ballard as potential backups to Gunn, but he could also turn to James Battle, a true freshman who was the prize of the Frogs' recruiting class. The 2002 Texas Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year passed for 2,989 yards and 31 TDs as a senior.

running backs



Hobbs, the league's Freshman of the Year, rewrote the TCU freshman rushing records last year by gaining 1,029 yards on 157 carries, a 6.6 yards-per-carry average. But in Robert Merrill, a 190-pound redshirt freshman from

San Antonio, the Horned Frogs may have someone just as dangerous. Merrill rushed for 2,891 yards and 39 touch-

downs as a senior at San Antonio's Taft High. "Robert Merrill is a youngster we're excited about," Patterson says.

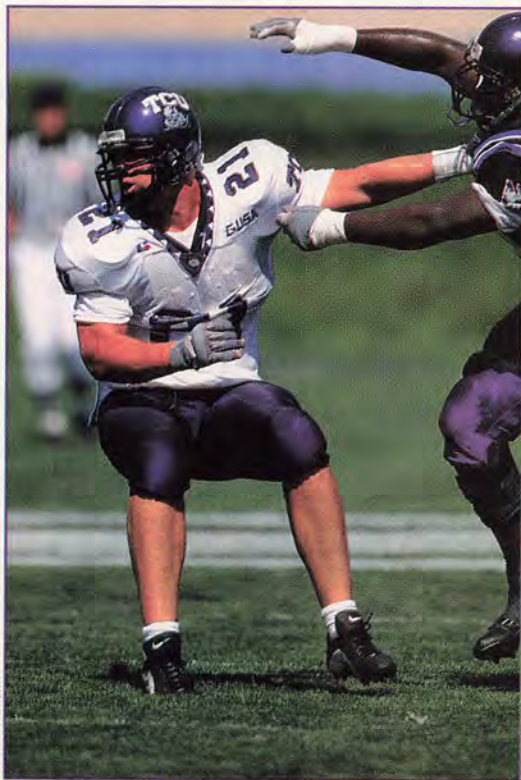
If he makes the same step that Hobbs made last year, the Horned Frogs will have the league's best 1-2 backfield punch. Hobbs played in just eight games, but quickly emerged as a big-play back. He had six carries of 50 yards or more and five 100-yard rushing games. In the Horned Frogs' regular-season finale against Memphis, he rushed for a TCU freshman-record 287 yards.

receivers

The team's top returning receiver, Reggie Harrell, is 6'3" and presents matchup problems for opposing defensive backs. But Harrell, who has big-play potential, has played only one season. He caught 13 passes for 205 yards a year ago.

A two-sport standout who also excels in track, Harrell was enjoying a solid pre-season two years ago, but injured his right knee before the season-opener and missed the year with ligament damage. Patterson says Harrell's speed and excellent hands make him an all-league candidate.

Another player with limited experience is expected to contribute. Senior Bruce Galbert, who made the first two catches of his career a year ago, entered the spring as a first-team receiver.



Steve Weltmann

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a Conference Title

TCU's chances of defending its Conference USA title appear strong, especially with the return of sophomore running back Lonta Hobbs and sophomore quarterback Tye Gunn and what should be another formidable defensive unit. Although TCU suffered key losses in the secondary, its front six should be nearly as strong as Southern Miss' in C-USA and capable of giving the Horned Frogs another nationally ranked defense. Offensively, several receivers need to emerge to complement the league's best backfield and an emerging leader in Gunn, and the team needs to find a fullback and a backup quarterback. Several strong, Texas-dominated recruiting classes have given the Horned Frogs the ability to sustain injuries or replace ineffective starters. Gunn and Hobbs were replacements a year ago.

2003 Schedule

S. 1	at Tulane	W
S. 6	Navy	W
S. 20	Vanderbilt	W
S. 27	at Arizona	W
O. 4	Army	W
O. 10	at South Florida	*
O. 18	UAB	W
O. 25	at Houston	W
N. 4	Louisville	W
N. 15	Cincinnati	W
N. 20	at Southern Miss	*
N. 29	at SMU	W

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Bo Schobel: 7.5 sacks, 19 tackles for a loss in 2002



Tye Gunn



Steve Woltmann

Glud, with 24 career starts, is the most experienced lineman and a smart player who rarely makes a mistake. Johnson, a blue-collar worker, has developed into one of the league's top centers.

defensive linemen

Four seniors, including three returning starters, anchor a stellar group of linemen, led by nose tackle Chad Pugh and defensive end Bo Schobel, who were key figures in the nation's top rush defense. Patterson says both Pugh and Schobel have All-America potential.

Despite drawing double-team coverage most of the year, Pugh still managed 16 tackles for lost yardage and 5.5 sacks. Schobel, who is

6'5" and the team's top pass rusher, had 19 tackles for a loss, 7.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries.

Schobel, cousin of former TCU standouts and NFL players Aaron and Matt Schobel, understands the games, too. He moved from right defensive end to left defensive end in midseason before the Houston game because he didn't feel he was getting adequate push off his right leg. Against Houston, Schobel responded with two sacks and three tackles for a loss.

In addition to Pugh and Schobel, end Robert Pollard and tackle Richard Evans could vie for all-conference honors.

linebackers

Finding a fourth linebacker is a priority, but Patterson feels good about his top three — junior Martin Patterson and senior Josh Goolsby, who will start, and senior Devon Davis, who backs up Goolsby.

Martin Patterson became a starter in the second game of the season and never relinquished the spot. He moves from weak to strongside linebacker.

Goolsby did not start last year, but saw significant playing time. He finished with nine tackles for a loss among his 24 stops.

★ RISING STAR

Robert Merrill was considered one of the top running backs in the nation two years ago after rushing for nearly 2,900 yards and 39 touchdowns for San Antonio Taft High. Merrill selected TCU over Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, Nebraska and Colorado.

defensive backs

The biggest area of concern for Patterson after last season was finding a free safety, strong safety and a cornerback. Weak safety Marvin Godbolt, one of five defensive backs in the Horned Frogs' 4-2-5 alignment, is the most experienced of the group. He missed several games last year after suffering a high ankle sprain, but is back to make a push at All-America honors. He earned first-team freshman All-America recognition.

Tyrone Sanders, at right corner, started 10 games a year ago, and Mark Walker, Sanders' backup last year, gets the first shot at left corner.

specialists

TCU has the league's best kicker in Nick Browne, a Lou Groza Award candidate. Browne, a senior and former leading scorer for the men's soccer team, connected on 23-of-30 field goals. He was 9-of-9 inside the 30-yard line and 18-of-20 inside the 40. At punter, the barefooted John Brazier should step in. Brazier, a junior, averaged 37.5 yards per kick in 2000.

Outside the Huddle

On the national map For the second time in three years, TCU finished the season ranked in the top 25.

500 club TCU's Liberty Bowl victory over Colorado State last year gave the program its 500th win. The Horned Frogs are 500-493-57 entering the 2003 season.

Home sweet home Since the start of the 1999 season, the Horned Frogs have proven difficult to beat at Amon G. Carter Stadium. TCU, 6-0 at home last season, is 19-3 since 1999. The losses during that stretch have come to Arizona, Northwestern State and East Carolina.

No introductions needed TCU coach Gary Patterson is finding that success brings stability. The Horned Frogs did not have a change on their coaching staff after last season, a rarity in college football and particularly in C-USA.

Moving up Reserve quarterback Brandon Hassell, a junior, will get an opportunity to back up starter Tye Gunn. For Hassell, who has played sparingly during his career, it's a unique situation. "I've never been in (a) position to get this many reps," Hassell says. "It's totally different. Ever since I've been here, (former quarterback) Sean Stilley has been here and I've been able to ask him questions. Now, the young guys are asking me questions."

Nowhere to run The Horned Frogs are making a push to strip Southern Miss of its title as the league's top defense. During the past four years, TCU has finished fifth, first, 24th and first, respectively, in the country in total defense and 13th, seventh, 10th and first in rushing defense. Last year the Horned Frogs allowed just 240.2 yards per game and 64.8 rushing per game.

Chad Pugh

Patterson also is hopeful that a trio of young receivers — Cory Rodgers, Quentily Harmon and Michael DePriest — can step up in the same manner than Gunn and Hobbs did a year ago. "They all do a great job of catching the ball," Patterson says. "The question is: Can they block, can they play special teams and can they become four-quarter guys?"

Tight end Cody McCarty, who caught two TD passes a year ago, returns.

offensive linemen

Patterson talks about his offensive line as a unit that needs to mature. Left tackle Anthony Alabi, left guard John Glud and center Chase Johnson were starters last season, while right guard Shane Sims and right tackle Jon Morgan will be getting their first starting assignments.

1.98 TCU allowed 1.98 yards per rush in 2002. The Horned Frogs, who led the nation in rushing defense (64.83 yards per game), were the nation's only team to allow fewer than two yards per carry.

Morgan, a senior, did play in all 12 games a year ago. Sims, a sophomore, appeared in only five games, serving mostly as Glud's backup.

Alabi, a 6'6", 325-pound junior, is poised to become an all-conference player. One of the team's strongest players and an extremely athletic lineman, Alabi missed spring drills after undergoing shoulder surgery in mid-February.

2003 TCU Roster

2002 Record:
C-USA Record:

10-2
6-2

Head Coach
Gary Patterson

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
55	Alabi, Anthony	T	6'6"	325	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
52	Alexander, Cliff	DS	5'11"	208	Jr.	Floresville, TX
91	Andrus, Chad	TE	6'4"	235	So.	Keller, TX
61	Angeley, Ben	G	6'4"	293	So.	Springlake, TX
16	Ballard, Jeff	QB	6'1"	197	Fr.	Friendswood, TX
60	Boerckel, Andy	DS	5'10"	222	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
95	Bouldwin, Maurice	DE	6'4"	275	Fr.	LaGrange, TX
24	Boyd, Kenny	WS	6'1"	213	Jr.	Omaha, TX
79	Bray, Zach	G	6'4"	313	Jr.	Montgomery, TX
14	Brazier, Jerome	CB	5'11"	175	Jr.	Fort Worth, TX
6	Brazier, John	P	6'3"	211	Jr.	Houston, TX
59	Breedlove, Jeremy	DT	6'3"	270	So.	Corpus Christi, TX
53	Brooks, Shawn	LB	6'0"	200	So.	Houston, TX
85	Brown, Kevin	WR	5'10"	180	Sr.	Hewitt, TX
9	Browne, Nick	K	5'10"	172	Sr.	Garland, TX
25	Buchanan, Eric	CB	5'10"	194	Fr.	Glen Heights, TX
96	Calovich, Andrew	DE	6'1"	223	Jr.	Overland Park, KS
22	Clay, Daryl	S	5'11"	198	So.	Weatherford, TX
32	Connally, Corey	FB	5'11"	204	Sr.	Crowley, TX
35	Cross, Nathan	WR	6'5"	210	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX
69	Culp, Stephen	C	6'4"	306	So.	Tyler, TX
9	Curlee, Destiny	TB	5'7"	191	Sr.	Fort Worth, TX
12	Dalton, Reeves	P	6'0"	190	So.	Chapel Hill, NC
26	Davidson, Tanner	FB	5'9"	197	So.	Aledo, TX
40	Davis, Devon	LB	6'1"	238	Sr.	Austin, TX
19	DePriest, Michael	WR	6'0"	191	Fr.	Keller, TX
87	Evans, Richard	DT	6'3"	253	Sr.	Dallas, TX
1	Ferry, Derek	DB	5'11"	185	Fr.	Round Rock, TX
12	Galbert, Bruce	WR	6'4"	203	Sr.	Riesel, TX
27	Gallegos, Elvis	FS	6'0"	190	Fr.	N. Richland Hills, TX
66	Glud, John	G	6'7"	333	Sr.	Waco, TX
23	Godbolt, Marvin	WS	6'0"	195	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
51	Goolsby, Josh	LB	6'2"	233	Sr.	Bridgeport, TX
82	Grimmett, Matthew	WR	6'1"	185	So.	Snyder, TX
15	Gunn, Tye	QB	6'3"	214	So.	LaGrange, TX
37	Harmon, Quentily	WR	6'1"	178	Fr.	Jacksonville, TX
81	Harrell, Reggie	WR	6'3"	209	Jr.	Arlington, TX
6	Harris, Brendon	WR	5'10"	182	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX
11	Harvey, Jermall	DB	5'9"	182	So.	Crete, IL
7	Hassell, Brandon	QB	6'1"	199	Jr.	Arlington, TX
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30	Hobbs, Lonta	TB	5'10"	218	So.	Clarksville, TX
92	James, Terence	NT	6'2"	280	Fr.	Queen City, TX
98	Johnson, Brandon	NT	6'3"	305	Jr.	Carrollton, TX
75	Johnson, Chase	C	6'3"	310	Jr.	Shawnee Mission, KS
42	Jones, Josh	LB	5'10"	206	Jr.	Boerne, TX

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14	Kummer, Kyle	QB	6'3"	197	So.	San Antonio, TX
42	La'Mothe, Reggie	FB	6'1"	232	Fr.	Channelview, TX
24	Lewis, Ken	SS	6'0"	199	So.	Garland, TX
17	LoCoco, Peter	K	6'1"	190	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX
34	Madison, Ricky	TB	5'10"	200	Sr.	Dallas, TX
29	Malone, Flander	SS	5'11"	199	So.	Dallas, TX
84	McCarthy, Cody	TE	6'4"	259	Jr.	Bishop, TX
33	Merrill, Robert	TB	5'10"	190	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
28	Modkins, Jeremy	FS	6'1"	187	So.	Marlin, TX
19	Moore, Zack	WR	6'3"	175	So.	Weatherford, TX
67	Morgan, Jon	T	6'4"	298	Sr.	Waxahachie, TX
86	Moss, Stanley	TE	6'2"	251	Sr.	Spring, TX
25	Naponic, Jackson	WR	5'11"	210	Jr.	Houston, TX
35	Overshorn, Billy	TB	5'8"	194	Jr.	Alvin, TX
48	Parker, Joe	FB	5'11"	211	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
50	Patterson, Martin	LB	6'2"	227	Jr.	DeSoto, TX
90	Pearson, Marvin	DT	6'5"	283	So.	Duncanville, TX
87	Pearson, Ryan	WR	6'3"	202	So.	Keller, TX
20	Peoples, Chris	FS	6'2"	174	Jr.	Fort Worth, TX
94	Pollard, Robert	DE	6'2"	280	Sr.	Beaumont, TX
76	Pugh, Chad	NT	6'3"	314	Sr.	Saginaw, TX
88	Ray, Ranorris	DE	6'3"	268	So.	San Antonio, TX
83	Retkofsky, Jared	DE	6'5"	248	Fr.	Justin, TX
17	Rodgers, Cory	WR	6'1"	186	Fr.	Houston, TX
31	Row, Elliot	FB	5'9"	201	Fr.	Austin, TX
4	Sanders, Tyrone	CB	5'10"	173	Sr.	Dallas, TX
10	Schautteet, Eric	FB	5'11"	216	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
40	Schlenger, Ryan	LB	6'3"	216	Fr.	Justin, TX
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78	Taylor, Herbert	T	6'4"	270	Fr.	Houston, TX
12	Thompson, Jake	QB	5'11"	162	Fr.	Jacksonville, TX
46	Thornton, C.J.	CB	5'11"	170	Fr.	San Antonio, TX
72	Toudouze, Michael	T	6'6"	310	So.	San Antonio, TX
54	Veale, Brad	LB	5'10"	221	Jr.	Van Alstyne, TX
31	Walker, Mark	CB	5'10"	190	Jr.	Duncanville, TX
42	Waters, Cory	CB	5'9"	180	Fr.	Linden, TX
18	Williams, Brandon	DB	6'3"	193	Sr.	Mesquite, TX
55	Williams, DeJuan	LB	5'10"	215	So.	Brazoria, TX
38	Williams, Jarrarcea	DT	6'0"	300	Fr.	Shreveport, LA
19	Wilson, Gerrad	CB	5'8"	191	Fr.	Katy, TX
80	Wingate, Chris	WR	6'0"	201	Sr.	Tucson, AZ
41	Wynn, Mike	K	5'10"	203	So.	Midland, TX

2003 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
James Battle **QB** **6'1"** **200** **Denton, TX**
 Named Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year by the Texas Sportswriters. Threw for 2,989 yards and 31 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 8 dual-threat QB in the country by *Rivals.com*.

Tommy Blake **ATH** **6'3"** **230** **Aransas Pass, TX**
 A first-team Class 3A All-State pick according to the AP. Ran for 2,013 yards and 25 TDs on 218 carries as a senior.

Brian Bonner **ATH** **5'11"** **190** **Beeville, TX**
 Logged 3,180 passing and 2,477 yards rushing during his prep career. Earned District 29-4A Player of the Year in 2002.

Larry Bradford **DB** **6'0"** **205** **Everman, TX**
 Spent two years at Coffeyville (KS) JC where he earned all-conference honors in the Kansas Jayhawk CC Conference in 2002.

Marcus Brock **WR** **6'0"** **190** **Lindale, TX**
 Listed among the Top 100 prospects in the state by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Earned honorable mention All-East Texas honors as a senior.

Quinton Cunigan **TE** **6'3"** **210** **Wills Point, TX**
 Caught 36 passes for 790 yards and 12 TDs in 2002. Earned first-team all-county and all-district as a senior.

Ervin Dickerson **WR** **6'1"** **185** **Beeville, TX**
 Listed among the Top 15 WRs in the state by Dave Campbell. Earned first-team All-South Texas honors as a senior.

Marcus Draper **FB** **5'11"** **235** **Bangs, TX**
 Rated the No. 19 FB in the country by *Rivals.com*. Named AP Class 2A Defensive Player of the Year in 2002.

Trey Englert **TE** **6'3"** **230** **Houston, TX**
 A two-time first-team TAPPS Class 5A All-State selection. Hauled in 50 passes as a senior.

David Hawthorne **LB** **6'0"** **210** **Corsicana, TX**
 Recorded 142 tackles and 18 TFLs as a senior. An all-district honoree in 2002.

Chad Huffman **QB** **6'0"** **200** **Missouri City, TX**
 Earned 2002 District 20-5A Offensive MVP. Threw for 1,705 yards and 13 TDs as a senior. Will play baseball at TCU. Father, Royce Sr. and brother Royce Jr. both played football at TCU.

William Jackson **LB** **6'0"** **215** **Whitewright, TX**
 A two-time all-district selection. Compiled 269 tackles during his three years as a prep player.

Matty Lindner **OL** **6'4"** **255** **Comfort, TX**
 Earned first-team all-state and All-Greater San Antonio honors as a senior. Helped anchor offense that averaged 346 rushing yards per game.

Raytron Mayfield **ATH** **6'1"** **195** **Dallas, TX**
 Named the District 9-4A MVP as a senior. Ran for 1,427 yards and 11 TDs in 2002.

Jamison Newby **DL** **6'3"** **250** **Cleburne, TX**
 Ranked among the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram's* Area Top 75. Named the District 15-4A Defensive MVP in 2002.

Will Oliver **OL** **6'3"** **275** **Lindale, TX**
 Rated the No. 5 center in the country by *Rivals.com*. Earned second-team All-State by the AP as a senior.

Chase Ortiz **LB** **6'3"** **240** **League City, TX**
 Named to the first-team all-county and all-district squads as a senior. Recorded 65 tackles and six sacks in 2002.

David Roach **DB** **6'1"** **190** **Abilene, TX**
 Earned first-team All-District 3-5A honors as a senior. Tallied 89 tackles as a senior.

Wade Sisk **OL** **6'6"** **265** **Brenham, TX**
 A two-time all-district performer. Allowed just one sack in his final two seasons as a prep.

Freddie Stoglin **ATH** **5'9"** **175** **Brownwood, TX**
 Rated the No. 23 all-purpose RB in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Rushed for 2,071 yards and 24 TDs as a senior. Named to the first-team All-State squad by the Texas Sportswriters.

Logo Tevaseu **LB** **5'9"** **210** **Booneville, CA**
 Played two seasons at Santa Rosa (CA) College. Only 2003 recruit from outside the state of Texas. Expected to contribute immediately on special teams.

Depth Chart

Offense (3)

WR	12	Bruce Galbert (Sr.)	17	Cory Rodgers (Fr.)
WR	81	Reggie Harrell (Jr.)	37	Quentily Harmon (Fr.)
WR	85	Kevin Brown (Sr.)	19	Michael DePriest (Fr.)
LT	55	Anthony Alabi (Jr.)	72	Michael Toudouze (So.)
LG	66	John Glud (Sr.)	61	Ben Angeley (So.)
C	75	Chase Johnson (Jr.)	69	Stephen Culp (So.)
RG	62	Shane Sims (Sr.)	79	Zach Bray (Jr.)
RT	67	Jon Morgan (Sr.)	78	Herbert Taylor (Fr.)
TE	84	Cody McCarthy (Jr.)	86	Stanley Moss (Sr.)
QB	15	Tye Gunn (So.)	7	Brandon Hassell (Jr.)
FB	32	Corey Connally (Sr.)	11	Kenny Hayter (Sr.)
TB	30	Lonta Hobbs (So.)	33	Robert Merrill (Fr.)

Defense (6)

DE	94	Robert Pollard (Sr.)	88	Ranorris Ray (So.)
DT	87	Richard Evans (Sr.)	99	Jeremy Breedlove (So.)
NT	76	Chad Pugh (Sr.)	98	Brandon Johnson (Jr.)
DE	21	Bo Schobel (Sr.)	96	Andrew Calovich (Jr.)
SLB	50	Martin Patterson (Jr.)	53	Shawn Brooks (So.)
MLB	51	Josh Goolsby (Sr.)	40	Devon Davis (Sr.)
CB	31	Mark Walker (Jr.)	25	Eric Buchanan (Fr.)
CB	4	Tyrone Sanders (Sr.)	14	Jerome Brazier (Jr.)
WS	23	Marvin Godbolt (Jr.)	24	Kenny Boyd (Jr.)
FS	28	Jeremy Modkins (So.)	20	Chris Peoples (Jr.)
SS	18	Brandon Williams (Sr.)	29	Flander Malone (So.)

Special Teams

K	9	Nick Browne (Sr.)
P	6	John Brazier (Jr.)
KR	19	Zack Moore (So.)
PR	19	Zack Moore (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
 BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Tye Gunn, 57-91-632-2, 6 TDs
Rushing: Lonta Hobbs, 157 car., 1,029 yds., 12 TDs
Receiving: Reggie Harrell, 13 rec., 205 yds., 0 TDs
Scoring: Nick Browne, 23 FGs, 36 XPs, 105 points
Punting: none
Kicking: Nick Browne, 23-30 FGs, 36-38 XPs, 105 points
Tackles: Bo Schobel, 57, 33 solo
Tackles for loss: Bo Schobel, 19 for 66 yds.
Sacks: Bo Schobel, 7.5
Interceptions: Marvin Godbolt, 2 for 83 yds.
Kickoff returns: 3 players with 1 ret.
Punt returns: Zack Moore, 1 ret., 7.0 avg., Reggie Harrell, 1 ret., 30.0 avg.

2002 Results

S.	2	at Cincinnati	L	29-36
S.	7	at Northwestern	W	48-24
S.	14	SMU	W	17-6
S.	21	North Texas	W	16-10
O.	5	Houston	W	34-17
O.	12	at Army	W	46-27
O.	19	at Louisville	W	45-31
O.	30	Southern Miss	W	37-7
N.	9	Tulane	W	17-10
N.	23	at East Carolina	L	28-31
N.	30	Memphis	W	27-20
D.	31	#Colorado State	W	17-3
		#Liberty Bowl		



Houston, which has enjoyed just two winning seasons since 1990, now turns to Art Briles, the first former Cougar to direct the football program.

It's not likely, however, that Houston will match the 5-7 record of Dana Dimel's third and final year as head coach. The new staff must replace the Cougars' top two players — first-team All-Conference USA selections Joffrey Reynolds, the leading C-USA rusher, and safety Hanik Milligan — while working in several new faces. There is an infusion of quality young talent, though, thanks to some solid recruiting during the Dimel era.

The non-conference schedule will pose some problems. Former Southwest Conference foe Texas is gone, but the Cougars have dates with Michigan and Mississippi State, along with Louisiana-Lafayette and cross-town rival Rice.

quarterbacks

Senior Nick Eddy started 13 games the past two seasons and appears ready to improve his career 22-to-26 touchdown-to-interception ratio. He is more than a drop-back passer, and now that he is down in the 240-pound range — after playing at close to 260 last year — he should be able to put some pressure on

the defense by running the ball more often. He emerged from spring as the No. 1 quarterback.

"Nick earned that but it doesn't mean he has it locked up," Briles says.

Barrick Nealy is more of a natural run-pass threat — if he's fully recovered from knee surgery. He was the first redshirt freshman to start a season opener for Houston before he was lost for the year with a knee injury in the fourth game. Blade Bassler, slowed by a lack of playing time and a back injury, showed flashes of potential but redshirted as a freshman and didn't throw a single pass last year.

running backs

The Cougars improved from being one of the worst running teams in Division I in 2001 to leading C-USA last season. Reynolds, who rushed for 1,545 yards and earned first-team all-conference honors, was the main reason for the increased production. But he's gone.

Entering his third year, Anthony Evans should get his chance to flourish in Briles' multi-dimensional offensive system. Evans ran for more than 6,000 yards and 66 touchdowns in high school.

Jackie Battle, widely recruited out of high school, was buried on the depth chart last year, then underwent surgery to repair an old high school knee injury. He

could emerge as a power runner with breakaway speed.

Bobby Tillman, Cody Thibodeaux and Carl Francis will also be in the mix.

receivers

Senior Brandon Middleton is a proven big-play performer who will be the marquee receiver in the Cougars' diverse offense. He's averaged 19.8 yards per catch over his first three years and has had 22 receptions covering at least 30 yards.

Newcomers like redshirt freshman Leonard Gibson and sophomores Vincent Marshall and Chad McCullar (ineligible as freshmen) can turn short throws into long touchdowns. They join veterans Harrison Arceneaux and Choni Francis.

All of the Cougars' tight ends — Steve Cucci, Jon Clark and Jonathan Pritchett — have the ability to catch the ball in traffic and break tackles. Pritchett and junior Mark Hopkins will spend time in a position termed "Big Slot."

Middleton and the tight ends are known quantities. The youngsters will have to come through if the passing game is to flourish. The ability to run the ball in early games would help that transition.

offensive linemen

The middle of the line looks solid with returning starters Rex Hadnot at center



Sam Jordan

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to Respectability

Art Briles and his assistants will deserve instant raises if the Cougars manage to break even — or somehow win more than they lose. There is some decent talent on hand, but the first year of the Briles era might be one step back before the program takes a few steps forward. The Cougars will attack from a spread offense with a variety of formations. Quarterbacks Nick Eddy and Barrick Nealy have enough talent to make the offense work, but the Cougars need one of the tailbacks to step up and replace 1,000-yard rusher Joffrey Reynolds. There will also be pressure on the offensive line, which must block for all types of passes and open running lanes. The new 4-3 defense has to be more productive but also needs more help from the offense; there were far too many turnovers and drive-killing miscues last year.

2003 Schedule

A. 30	Rice	*
S. 6	at Michigan	L
S. 13	at UL-Lafayette	W
S. 20	Mississippi State	L
O. 1	at East Carolina	L
O. 11	at Tulane	L
O. 18	Memphis	L
O. 25	TCU	L
N. 8	Southern Miss	L
N. 15	at Army	*
N. 22	at Louisville	L
N. 29	UAB	L

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Nick Eddy: 2,054 passing yards, 16 TDs in 2002



Sam Jordan

Brandon Middleton

and Roy Swan at left guard. And senior Brandon Evans, an athletic 6'4", 310-pounder, will take over at right guard after transferring in last year from Wayne State. Hadnot had to move over from left guard in the middle of last season when center Al James tore up a knee in a Sunday conditioning session. Left tackle Matt Mattox made a smooth and pleasing transition from tight end and could play center in an emergency. Sophomore David Douglas appears ready for his chance at right tackle. Junior Phil Hawkins, sophomore John McGilvray and redshirt freshman Jeremy Davis will provide quality depth.

198 The Cougars' returning running backs combined for 198 yards last season, about 13 percent of the 1,545 provided by the departed Joffrey Reynolds.

"You only are as good as you are up front, so we have to have great effort, great intensity and great intelligence from our offensive line," says Briles. "We need them to protect the quarterback when he moves or stays in the pocket."

James has another year of eligibility but is not expected to be ready to play this fall.

defensive linemen

The front four will be a promising mixture of the young and old. Matthew Bentley moves from tackle, where he started as a true freshman, to left end, and will be opposite produc-

tive senior Farouk Adelekan. After he recovered from an emergency appendectomy, Adelekan led the team with nine sacks and 18 tackles for a loss while starting only the last three games. Sophomore Joe Clay, who started seven games at left end, now supports Adelekan on the right side.

Kade Lane was an undersized freshman starter at tackle whose zest for the game served him well through the spring. Instead of Bentley, he will be joined by sophomores Gerard Richard and Jessie Bryant and redshirt freshman L.C. Kirkpatrick. Junior Kendrick Goss, a tight end earlier in his career, can be a pass rusher from left end or right tackle. Ryan Huffman has the size and strength to be an effective end but has

lacked consistency. Sophomore Sharod McGowan and redshirt freshman Albert Martinez could emerge on the right side.

linebackers

Damien West and Justin Davis shared starting time in the 4-2 defensive front a year ago. West will enter preseason camp atop the depth chart in the middle. Lance Everson took hold at the strong side in what will be his first year as a starter, and Bryant Brown on the weak side. Brown, who played in every game in 2001, returns after dropping out of school last year.

There might be a place here for an incoming freshman to make an immediate contribution.

defensive backs

Jermain Woodard will be a leader at strong safety in his third year as a starter. The former star high school running back covers ground in a hurry and is a sturdy hitter. Delenell Reid and Roland Cola now are at opposite corners after splitting time on the same side a year ago.

Stanford Routt and Roshawn Pope are speedy backups at the corners who might need a bit more seasoning, but there is no

RISEING STAR

Diminutive receiver **Vincent Marshall**, the MVP of the 2002 Texas high school coaches all-star game, didn't qualify for freshman collegiate eligibility but should be able to make up for lost time. He showed coaches he can dart behind defensive backs and also convert short throws into lengthy gains. He can also be a dangerous kick returner.

doubting their athleticism. Brian Hodges, a transfer from Oklahoma, and Willie Gaston are also promising and will likely be used as extra defensive backs in passing situations.

Free safety Will Gulley, a state champion in the triple jump, has good size and closing ability. He takes over for Milligan.

specialists

Kicker Dustin Bell and punter Jimmy McClary return to what should be solid special teams. Bell made his first seven field goals of the season and ended 10-of-10 from 42 yards and in, and 12-of-14 overall. He consistently kicked off to the goal line or end zone. After some inconsistency, McClary ended with a 38.9 average. Both had good springs and continue to develop.

Punt returns could stand improvement after the Cougars averaged a mediocre 8.1 yards last season.

Outside the Huddle

Familiar look In addition to head coach Art Briles, three of his assistants also played for the Cougars: Mike Spradlin, an offensive lineman on the 1976 Southwest Conference champs, coaches tight ends and inside receivers; Jason Philips, the outside receivers coach, led the nation in pass receptions in 1987 and '88 during the run-and-shoot era; and Thomas McGaughey, the special teams coordinator, played after college in the Arena Football League and was with the Kansas City Chiefs last year.

Holding tight The tight end position has been a weak spot in recent years, due mainly to injuries, but there should be a full complement at the position in 2003 with seniors Stephen Cucci, Jonathan Pritchett and Jon Clark. Cucci and Pritchett are the big-bodied version. Clark, a junior college All-America at Ricks College in Idaho, has perhaps the best hands on the team.

Two-sport dude Quarterback Barrick Nealy was a versatile high school athlete good enough to be recruited in both football and basketball by Indiana. Hoosiers coach Mike Davis said Nealy would have been welcomed on the hoops team after football season, had he attended IU.

Big yards Houston outgained seven of its 12 opponents in total yards, but winning the yardage battle didn't necessarily produce a victory. The Cougars outgained Tulane 387-288 in a 34-13 loss, outgained UAB 477-406 in a 51-34 loss and outgained South Florida 411-385 in a 32-14 loss.

2003 Houston Roster

2002 Record:
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Head Coach
Art Briles

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
13	Adelekan, Farouk	DL	6'2"	272	Sr.	Calumet, IL
2	Arceneaux, Harrison	WR	6'2"	190	Sr.	Houston, TX
67	Barganier, Jaron	OL	6'0"	300	Sr.	Houston, TX
12	Bassler, Blade	QB	6'4"	225	So.	Rockdale, TX
27	Battle, Jackie	RB	6'2"	230	Fr.	Humble, TX
7	Bell, Dustin	K	6'2"	215	Jr.	Houston, TX
94	Bentley, Matthew	DL	6'2"	270	So.	Alvin, TX
47	Bouwma, Ryan	K	5'8"	185	Fr.	Brownsville, TX
45	Brown, Bryant	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Houston, TX
96	Bryant, Jessie	DL	6'3"	300	So.	Houston, TX
80	Carothers, Josh	WR	6'1"	200	Fr.	Angleton, TX
17	Clark, Jon	WR/TE	6'5"	220	Sr.	Centerville, UT
90	Clay, Joe	DL	6'2"	255	Jr.	San Angelo, TX
2	Cola, Roland	DB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Merrero, LA
82	Cucci, Stephen	TE	6'4"	264	Sr.	Bradenton, FL
31	Daniels, Gerard	DB	5'8"	170	Jr.	Houston, TX
28	Davis, Chad	DB	5'11"	195	Sr.	Lake Jackson, TX
20	Davis, Jason	DB	6'0"	185	So.	Houston, TX
60	Davis, Jeremy	OL	6'4"	280	Fr.	Port Neches, TX
53	Davis, Justin	LB	6'2"	232	Sr.	Houston, TX
61	Denby, Jason	OL	6'2"	301	Fr.	Deer Park, TX
70	Douglas, David	OL	6'3"	310	So.	Houston, TX
16	Eddy, Nick	QB	6'4"	240	Sr.	Courtland, CA
6	Evans, Anthony	RB	5'10"	214	So.	Pearland, TX
62	Evans, Brandon	OL	6'4"	310	Sr.	Houston, TX
44	Everson, Lance	LB	6'2"	230	Jr.	Richmond, TX
34	Fantroy, Jonathan	DB	5'9"	190	So.	Fort Worth, TX
33	Fernandez, Saleem	RB	5'7"	182	Jr.	San Antonio, TX
23	Francis, Carl	FB	5'10"	225	Jr.	Mesquite, TX
15	Francis, Choni	WR	5'8"	170	Jr.	Houston, TX
38	Gafford, Thomas	LS	6'2"	210	Jr.	Houston, TX
66	Garrison, Blake	OL	6'4"	240	Fr.	Gainesville, TX
21	Gaston, Levi	DB	6'1"	195	Jr.	Houston, TX
10	Gaston, Willie	DB	5'10"	170	So.	Houston, TX
88	Gibson, Leonard	WR	6'2"	180	Fr.	Corsicana, TX
88	Goss, Kendrick	DL	6'4"	270	Jr.	Crosby, TX
55	Griffith, Travis	LB	6'4"	240	Jr.	Huffman, TX
18	Gulley, Will	DB	6'4"	195	So.	Newton, TX
76	Hadnot, Rex	OL	6'2"	310	Sr.	Lufkin, TX
28	Hairston, Josh	WR	5'9"	165	Jr.	Lancaster, TX
75	Hawkins, Phil	OL	6'5"	300	Jr.	Chicago, IL
3	Hodges, Brian	DB	6'0"	190	So.	Coppell, TX
69	Hong, James	OL	6'5"	295	So.	Houston, TX
86	Hopkins, Mark	WR	6'4"	208	Jr.	Houston, TX
97	Huffman, Ryan	DL	6'6"	275	Sr.	Orlando, FL
51	James, Al	OL	6'0"	300	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
64	Johnson, Cody	OL	6'8"	312	Fr.	Katy, TX
58	Jones, Jacob	OL	6'2"	250	So.	Katy, TX
55	Jones, Quinton	OL	6'0"	295	So.	Houston, TX
98	Kirkpatrick, L.C.	DL	6'2"	270	Fr.	Houston, TX
14	Laird, Justin	K/P	6'2"	175	Fr.	Baytown, TX
62	Lane, Kade	DL	6'2"	255	So.	Houston, TX
34	Lazarus, Chioke	TE	6'3"	235	Sr.	Missouri City, TX
13	Marshall, Vincent	WR	5'8"	160	So.	Ennis, TX
81	Martinez, Albert	DL	6'3"	270	Fr.	Falfurrias, TX
89	Mattox, Matt	T	6'4"	270	Sr.	Holton, KS
43	McClary, Jimmy	P	6'6"	222	Sr.	The Woodlands, TX
3	McCullar, Chad	WR	5'10"	160	So.	Houston, TX
72	McGilvray, John	OL	6'5"	282	So.	Mexia, TX
95	McGowan, Sharod	DL	6'2"	280	So.	Waco, TX
8	Middleton, Brandon	WR	5'11"	185	Sr.	Houston, TX
7	Moore, Shang	QB	6'2"	190	Fr.	Houston, TX
42	Mozisek, Corbin	LB	6'1"	210	Sr.	East Bernard, TX
9	Nealy, Barrick	QB	6'5"	212	So.	Dallas, TX
30	Pinson, Cedric	DB	5'9"	164	Jr.	Dallas, TX
4	Pope, Roshawn	DB	5'10"	180	So.	Galveston, TX
87	Pritchett, Jonathan	TE	6'4"	255	Sr.	Friendswood, TX
39	Reese, Andrew	DB	6'1"	200	Sr.	Austin, TX
1	Reid, Delenell	DB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Bearden, AR
79	Richard, Gerard	DL	6'3"	300	So.	Houston, TX
19	Robertson, Tristen	DB	6'1"	205	So.	Dallas, TX
8	Routt, Stanford	DB	6'1"	185	Jr.	Pflugerville, TX
54	Samee, Abraham	OL	6'4"	300	So.	Friendswood, TX
20	Sapp, Charles	RB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Houston, TX
32	Schirmer, Matt	LB	6'0"	235	Jr.	Holton, KS
25	Scott, Stephen	RB	5'9"	192	Fr.	Seabrook, TX
18	Stanley, Matt	QB	6'4"	205	So.	San Angelo, TX
71	Swan, Roy	OL	6'2"	315	So.	Texas City, TX
49	Tanner, Teddy	P	6'2"	200	Jr.	Dublin, GA
36	Teeters, John	FB	5'9"	220	So.	Houston, TX
24	Thibodeaux, Cody	RB	6'1"	228	Jr.	Winnie, TX
63	Thomas III, Willie	OL	6'4"	323	Jr.	Waco, TX
30	Tillman, Bobby	RB	5'11"	210	Jr.	Houston, TX
83	Tyson, John	WR	6'0"	173	Jr.	Houston, TX
59	Watkins, Michael	OL	6'2"	293	So.	Houston, TX
33	West, Damien	LB	6'2"	245	Sr.	Missouri City, TX
5	Woodard, Jermain	DB	6'0"	205	Sr.	Houston, TX
39	Wyatt, J.J.	P	5'11"	190	Jr.	Diboll, TX
47	Yun, Ji	LB	5'11"	225	Jr.	Seoul, South Korea
20	Zavaletta, Bart	QB	6'1"	200	Jr.	Brownsville, TX
54	Zavaletta, Gus	LB	5'11"	225	Jr.	Brownsville, TX

2003 Signees

NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	HOMETOWN
Jeff Akeroyd	OL	6'3"	270	Lubbock, TX
Selected honorable mention All-State by the Texas Sports Writers Association. Tallied 113 tackles and 10 sacks as a senior.				
Byron Alfred	OL	6'3"	275	Port Arthur, TX
Named to the Max Eminger Texas Super All-State team. Also named to the District 22-5A first-team.				
Trent Allen	LB	6'2"	210	Longview, TX
Named the Class 3A Defensive Player of the Year by the Texas Sports Writers Association as a senior.				
Anthony Alridge	RB	5'10"	165	Denton, TX
Rated the No. 19 all-purpose RB in the country by Rivals.com. Rushed for 1,626 yards and 27 TDs as a senior.				
Donnie Avery	WR	6'0"	180	Aliet, TX
Played both RB and WR and returned kicks and punts as a senior. Earned first-team all-district honors in 2002.				
Dustin Dickinson	OL	6'4"	270	Springtown, TX
Rated among the Top 75 area recruits by the Fort-Worth Star-Telegram.				
Jeff Fillmore	WR	6'1"	170	Brenham, TX
Caught 48 passes for 746 yards and seven TDs as a senior. Averaged 22 yards per punt return in 2002.				
Austin Griffith	LB	6'1"	190	Huffman, TX
Took over at RB after the fifth game and rushed for 471 yards and four TDs. Younger brother of current Houston LB Travis Griffith.				
John Harrell	DL	6'2"	285	Stephenville, TX
Named the State 4A Defensive Player of the Year. Rated among the Top 60 DTs in the country by Rivals.com.				
Wade Koehl	LB	6'2"	210	Midland, TX
Named to the first-team All-District 3-5A squad as a senior.				
Kevin Kolb	QB	6'3"	230	Stephenville, TX
Named District 6-4A Offensive Player of the Year. Threw for 3,357 yards and 29 TDs as a senior. Rated among the Top 100 players in the state.				
Da Vell Lauder	DL	6'3"	225	Houston, TX
Rated among the Top 100 prospects in the state by Rivals.com.				
Marquay Love	DL	6'2"	295	Fort Worth, TX
A three-time first-team All-District 8-4A pick as an OT. Selected to play in the 2003 Coca-Cola High School All-Star game.				
Eddie McCray	DL	6'3"	225	Baytown, TX
Earned first-team all-district honors as a senior. Finished with 71 tackles and three sacks in 2002.				
Perry McDaniel	WR	5'8"	170	Lubbock, TX
Named honorable mention all-state by the Associated Press as a senior. Combined for over 1,000 yards of total offense in 2002.				
Gerard Price	DB	5'10"	175	League City, TX
Named first-team all-district as a DB and return specialist. Averaged 17.2 yards per punt return.				
Jason Price	LB	6'3"	195	Sanger, TX
Injured for a majority of his senior season. Rushed for 1,394 yards and 18 TDs as a junior.				
Marcus Ross	DB	5'11"	170	Houston, TX
Named to Dave Campbell's Texas Football Top 300 prospect list. Tallied 78 tackles and 10 pass break-ups as a senior.				
Roderick Schwartz	ATH	5'11"	180	Bradenton, FL
Only 2003 recruit from outside the state of Texas. Selected to the Florida Sports Writers Association third-team all-state squad.				
Bennie Swain	WR	6'1"	175	Houston, TX
Rated the No. 41 WR prospect in the country by Rivals.com. Caught 23 passes for 480 yards and two TDs as a senior.				
Harold Taylor	RB	5'11"	185	Houston, TX
A first-team all-district honoree in 2002. Rushed for 1,037 yards and 10 TDs as a senior.				
Beau Tuft	OL	6'6"	285	Houston, TX
Named District Offensive Lineman of the Year. A first-team all-district performer in 2002.				
Jason Wagner	OL	6'6"	290	Keller, TX
Helped anchor an offense that averaged over 400 yards per game in total offense. Earned all-district honors as a senior.				
Ricky Wilson	DB	5'10"	180	Port Arthur, TX
Rated the No. 42 prospect in the state by Max Eminger. A three-time first-team all-district performer. Earned All-America honors as a long jumper.				

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SL	2	Harrison Arceneaux (Sr.)	15	Choni Francis (Jr.)
WR	86	Mark Hopkins (Jr.)	88	Leonard Gibson (Fr.)
WR	8	Brandon Middleton (Sr.)	83	John Tyson (Jr.)
LT	89	Matt Mattox (Sr.)	75	Phil Hawkins (Jr.)
LG	71	Roy Swan (So.)	63	Willie Thomas III (Jr.)
C	76	Rex Hadnot (Sr.)	51	Al James (Sr.)
RG	62	Brandon Evans (Sr.)	54	Abraham Samee (So.)
RT	70	David Douglas (So.)	72	John McGilvray (So.)
TE	17	Jon Clark (Sr.)	87	Jonathan Pritchett (Sr.)
QB	16	Nick Eddy (Sr.)	9	Barrick Nealy (So.)
RB	6	Anthony Evans (So.)	27	Jackie Battle (Fr.)

Defense (8)

DE	94	Matthew Bentley (So.)	88	Kendrick Goss (Jr.)
DT	62	Kade Lane (So.)	95	Sharod McGowan (So.)
DT	79	Gerard Richard (So.)	96	Jessie Bryant (So.)
DE	13	Farouk Adelekan (Sr.)	97	Ryan Huffman (Sr.)
LB	44	Lance Everson (Jr.)	53	Justin Davis (Sr.)
LB	33	Damien West (Sr.)	55	Travis Griffith (Jr.)
LB	45	Bryant Brown (So.)	32	Matt Schirmer (Jr.)
CB	2	Roland Cola (Sr.)	4	Roshawn Pope (So.)
CB	1	Delenell Reid (Sr.)	8	Stanford Routt (Jr.)
SS	29	Jermain Woodard (Sr.)	28	Chad Davis (Sr.)
FS	18	Will Gulley (So.)	21	Levi Gaston (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	7	Dustin Bell (Jr.)
P	43	Jimmy McClary (Sr.)
KR	8	Brandon Middleton (Sr.)
PR	3	Chad McCullar (So.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Nick Eddy, 134-265-2,054-18, 16 TDs
Rushing: Barrick Nealy, 36 car., 227 yds., 2 TDs
Receiving: Brandon Middleton, 28 rec., 674 yds., 6 TDs
Scoring: Dustin Bell, 12 FGs, 32 XPs, 68 points
Punting: Jimmy McClary, 62 punts, 38.9 avg.
Kicking: Dustin Bell, 12-14 FGs, 32-35 XPs, 68 points
Tackles: Jermain Woodard, 73, 47 solo
Tackles for loss: Farouk Adelekan, 18 for 70 yds.
Sacks: Farouk Adelekan, 9
Interceptions: Delenell Reid, 2 for 13 yds.
Kickoff returns: Roshawn Pope, 24 ret., 20.9 avg.
Punt returns: Brandon Middleton, 1 ret., 2.0 avg.

2002 Results

A. 31	at Rice	W	24-10
S. 7	Tulane	L	13-34
S. 14	UL-Lafayette	W	36-17
S. 21	at Texas	L	11-41
O. 5	at TCU	L	17-34
O. 12	at UAB	L	34-51
O. 19	Army	W	56-42
N. 2	at Memphis	W	26-21
N. 9	East Carolina	L	48-54
N. 16	at Cincinnati	L	14-47
N. 23	South Florida	L	14-32
N. 30	Louisville	W	27-10

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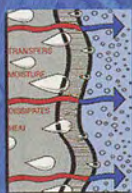
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Stuck between a Rockne and a hard place, Tyrone Willingham approaches his second season at Notre Dame with the bar set right where it always seems to be in South Bend — high above everyone's heads. It's his own fault, a product of the leadership that helped the Fighting Irish produce eight consecutive victories, giddy talk about championships, and the dramatic, weekly Sea of Green backdrop within Notre Dame Stadium.

The coach is a year away from the unreasonable (yet inevitable) line that separates the fates of Notre Dame head coaches — that third-year national championship. Never mind that many of those third-year successes took place before scholarship limitations or widespread cable television exposure for opponents. Win a title in your third year and you can immediately take your place among the immortals. Anything less, and the guy in charge might as well put the house on the market.

So this season, in the eyes of the plaid-pants crowd, creates the transition from an energetic season that ended unsatisfactorily to the year the Irish go all the way. Winning a bowl game, something the Irish have not accomplished since Jan. 1, 1994, would be a good way to wrap it up.

"You have to have a memory," Willingham says when asked about the

importance of winning the last game. "To a degree it has to be that short-term memory we always refer to quarterbacks having. You have to remember that certain things happen. You can't forget that, but you don't let them wear you down. That's the difference."

quarterbacks

The growth of Carlyle Holiday from dynamic but inconsistent option quarterback to reliable leader of a balanced offense was one of the remarkable success stories of last season. The doubts about his ability to run a West Coast offense no longer exist. Now comes the chance to become a polished passer and leader. His five interceptions in 257 attempts amount to an interception percentage of .0194, third-best in Irish history. His streak of 126 passes without an interception set a school record.

Holiday has been prone to injuries, and neither Pat Dillingham, an emergency starter for one game last season, nor Chris Olsen has separated himself from the other in their bid for No. 2. Incoming freshman quarterback Brady Quinn of Dublin, Ohio, is a player to watch.

running backs

Here's where any Irish pre-season assessment becomes as hard to read as the

shade of smoke coming from the Golden Dome. (Isn't that how we find out about personnel changes?) The potential return of Julius Jones appears to be taking shape. The former Irish tailback sent the right public signals about accepting responsibility for his past academic problems (always a plus with the administration), and Willingham maintains that Jones would be welcomed back if he fulfills the obligations established by the university.

If the moon and stars are in alignment, the Irish would add to the success of Ryan Grant, whose total of 1,085 yards last season made him the seventh player in ND history to surpass 1,000 in a season. Grant's success, and a need at the fullback position, resulted in a switch of Rashon Powers-Neal from tailback to fullback.

receivers

Senior Omar Jenkins averaged 17.1 yards per catch in his first year as a starter and became the most reliable returning target. But the impact at the position could come from two sophomores who created dramatic moments last year, Maurice Stovall and Rhema McKnight, the only scholarship freshmen to appear in games last season.

Senior Gary Godsey leads a deep group of tight ends that will include Jared Clark and Billy Palmer. The question is whether



Mark Langella

Post-Spring Analysis

Keys to a BCS Bowl

Every Notre Dame coach reaches the end of the honeymoon; the only issues are when and how. The question is whether the late-season slide, with one-sided losses to Southern California and NC State, will be viewed as a temporary problem or a larger concern. Just when Irish fans showed signs of being content with solid progress, the 8-0 start and resulting talk of a national championship reset the bar. The complex construction of a reliable offensive line can be a tricky business with the most talented of groups. But a difficult transition period up front can undo months of progress. The continued growth of Carlyle Holiday within a dynamic offense will depend on the success of the line's ability to operate efficiently as soon as possible. Ann Arbor in September is not the easiest place to build continuity.

2003 Schedule

S. 6	Washington State	W
S. 13	at Michigan	L
S. 20	Michigan State	W
S. 27	at Purdue	*
O. 11	at Pittsburgh	L
O. 18	USC	L
O. 25	at Boston College	W
N. 1	Florida State	*
N. 8	Navy	W
N. 15	BYU	W
N. 29	at Stanford	W
D. 6	at Syracuse	W

*Games in bold represent games crucial to the season. W or L indicates a projected win or loss

Omar Jenkins: 37 catches, 633 yards in 2002

Mark Langella



Vontez Duff



Ryan Grant

prize tight end recruit Greg Olsen, brother of backup QB Chris, will receive playing time this season.

offensive linemen

For the Fighting Irish to have any chance of building upon their 10-3 season, they must see rapid development in a new offensive line. Right guard Sean Milligan is the only returning starter among the interior linemen and the only letterwinner among the guards. Senior Jim Molinaro and junior Dan Stevenson, who started in the Gator Bowl, lead the candidates at the tackle positions. Mark LeVoi, a 320-pound junior, played in four games last season.

126 Carlyle Holiday threw 126 consecutive passes without an interception in 2002, a Notre Dame record.

Junior Zach Giles is the only returning center who earned playing time at that position a year ago. Redshirt freshman Bob Morton and true freshman John Sullivan of Greenwich, Conn., could find opportunities at center. Junior Darin Mitchell and sophomore James Bonelli are expected to compete at the guard positions.

defensive linemen

Seniors Darrell Campbell, Cedric Hilliard and Greg Pauly will make the nose guard and tackle positions a strength. Derek Landri, a highly recruited player who did not play as a freshman because of injury, could begin to

establish himself this season. Senior Kyle Budinscak developed into a solid defensive end. He is a returning starter with the most experience at the position. Junior Justin Tuck had five sacks and 10 tackles for a loss last season and became the fifth-leading returning tackler, despite the fact that he was limited to one start.

Brian Beidatsch has seen extensive playing time up front and is available at both tackle and end. Red-shirt freshmen Travis Leitko and Chris Frome could barge into the playing group at end, and two of the nation's most coveted 2003 recruits — end Victor Abiamiri and tackle Trevor Laws — could have an early impact.

linebackers

Senior linebacker Courtney Watson was a Butkus Award finalist last season and could earn the same type of national attention that defensive back Shane Walton did last season. Watson averaged nine tackles per game after missing the first two games with a viral infection. Senior Mike Goolsby led the Irish with 13 tackles for a loss in his first season as the starter in the middle.

Junior Brandon Hoyte started games 1 and 2 in place of the ailing Watson and again in the Gator Bowl, where he led Irish defenders with 10 tackles, and is an equal partner with Watson and Goolsby in a three-man rotation at inside linebacker. Seniors Derek Curry and Jerome Collins are the two scholarship players returning at outside linebacker.

defensive backs

Cornerback Vontez Duff became the first player in Irish history to return a kick, a punt and an interception for touchdowns in a single season. Free safety Glenn Earl should continue to make an impact. His block of an Air Force field goal attempt in 2000 saved a Fiesta Bowl bid, and his hard hits have become a defensive signature. Senior Jason Beckstrom, who has played in 32 games in his career, returns at cornerback

★ RISING STAR

Derek Landri was a first-team high school All-American in the fall of 2001 and the third player from De La Salle High School to be named California Player of the Year. Landri did not play as a freshman because of an injury. And while nose guard and defensive tackle are positions where the Irish have depth and experience, Landri could make an impact.

after missing the '02 season with a torn biceps.

Garron Bible logged a pair of starts last season and should take over at strong safety. Preston Jackson, Dwight Ellick and Lionel Bolen, who scored a touchdown on a fumble return against Purdue, all will see lots of action.

specialists

Nicholas Setta can finally get his wish. From the start of his college career, Setta hoped to win the twin duties of placekicker and punter, and the departure of punter Joey Hildbold can make that possible. Setta's streak of 87 consecutive point-after attempts is second-longest in school history. If he can match his '01 total of 15 field goals, Setta will surpass the career-leading total of 51 set by John Carney from 1984-86.

Vontez Duff averaged 27.7 yards per kickoff return last year, eighth-best in the nation and an essential help for an offensive unit developing a personality. The potential return of Julius Jones could give the Irish a return unit capable of changing a game with every kick.

Outside the Huddle

Closing in Vontez Duff begins the season in fourth place on the ND list with 1,449 total kick return yards. The leader is 1987 Heisman winner Tim Brown with 2,089.

Continuity Tyrone Willingham on continuing his system: "You don't have to go back and reteach coaches within your system now, and it works both ways. Sometimes that's a good thing, re-teaching your system, because you answer critical questions about why you do things. But for the most part if you can have continuity and you have great coaches, which I think we do, then that allows us to be one step ahead of where we were last year."

Bring 'em on Notre Dame's schedule will include three teams that reached the BCS in 2002 (Washington State, USC, Florida State) and four others that played in bowl games (Michigan, Purdue, Pittsburgh, Boston College).

Home stretch Notre Dame's last four 2003 opponents — Navy, BYU, Stanford and Syracuse — had combined 2002 records of 13-34 and did not make a bowl appearance.

Fond farewell Those perfect autumn weekends will never be the same — before, during or after the games — following the passing of George Kelly, an assistant coach dating back to Ara Parseghian's days and later an admired administrator.

Attention high school seniors Uniform no. 3, most recently worn by Arnaz Battle and before that by Rick Mirer and Joe Montana, among others, was not issued this spring. That would make the number, a favorite among kids waiting for autographs outside the north end of the stadium, an incentive for some young QB out there.

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S30 Ravens/Bronco over 36	34-23 W
S29 Cardinals (+3) Giants	21-7 W
Chiefs (+3) Dolphins over 44	48-30 W
Seahawks (-3) Vikes	48-23 W
S28 Kentucky (+19) Fla	34-41 W
V'buft (+10) S Car	14-20 W
Mich (-7) Illinois	45-28 W
Va (+1 1/2) W Forest	38-34 W
S27 Tex Tech/N Mex under 57	49-0 W
S26 Louisvl/Fla St over 43	26-20 W
S23 Bucs (+2 1/2) Rams under 43	26-14 W
S22 Seahawks(+6 1/2) Giants	6-9 W

Chiefs/Patriots over 44	38-41 W
Lions (+8) Packers	31-37 W
49'ers (-9) Redskins	20-10 W
S21 NC St (+2 1/2) Tex Tech	51-48 W
Kansas St (-3) USC	27-20 W
Notre D (+4) Mich St	21-17 W
S19 Auburn (-1) Miss over 43	14-42 W
S15 Cards (+3 1/2) S'hawks	24-13 W
Giants (+11 1/2) Rams	26-23 W
Saints (+2) Packers	35-20 W
S14 Nevada (+14) BYU	31-28 W
Penn St (+4) Nebraska	40-7 W
Fla St (-20 1/2) Md	37-10 W
W Va (+3) Cincinnati	135-32 W
S 9 Pats (+2 1/2) Steelers	30-14 W

S 8 Saints (+6) Bucs	26-20 W
Dolphins (-8) Lions	49-23 W
Vikings (+4 1/2) Bears	23-27 W
S 7 Bama (+13) Okla	27-37 W
So Fla (-7) N Ill	37-6 W
Virginia (+4 1/2) S Car	34-21 W
S 5 49'ers/Giants under 38	16-13 W
S 2 Auburn (-8) USC	17-24 W
Cincinnati (-3) TCU	36-29 W
A31 Clemson (+8 1/2) Ga	28-31 W
Miami-O (+8) N Car	27-21 W
Houston (+8) Rice	24-10 W
A29 BYU (-2) Syracuse	42-21 W
Falcons (+4) Bengals	27-14 W

N Ill (+2) W Forest	42-41 W
A24 OSU (-6) Tex Tech	45-21 W
Iowa St (+23) Fla St	31-38 W
Falcs (+3 1/2) Cowboys	21-19 W
A22 Colo St (+2 1/2) Va	35-29 W
Chrgers(+6 1/2)Rams	31-10 W
A18 Stgelers (+2 1/2) Skins	34-35 W
A17 Falcons (-3) Giants	36-24 W
Chiefs (-5) Texas	19-9 W
A16 Chrgers(-4 1/2)S'hawks	24-14 W
A15 Saints (+2 1/2) Dolphins	24-7 W
A10 Browns(+3 1/2) Vikings	27-15 W
A 9 Cowboys (-3) Raiders	20-6 W
under 33	W
A 3 Redskins (-03) 49'ers	38-7 W

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2003 Notre Dame Roster

2002 Record:

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Head Coach
Tyrone Willingham

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
9	Beckstrom, Jason	CB	5'10"	186	Sr.	Tulsa, OK
90	Beidatsch, Brian	DE	6'4"	283	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI
39	Bemenderfer, David	SS	5'11"	193	Sr.	Mishawaka, IN
59	Bent, James	OL	6'2"	253	So.	Mishawaka, IN
26	Bible, Garron	SS	5'10"	197	Sr.	Kingwood, TX
27	Bolen, Lionel	SS	6'0"	206	Jr.	Westhampton, NJ
71	Bonelli, James	G/T	6'6"	282	So.	Camarillo, CA
92	Budinscak, Kyle	DE	6'4"	270	Sr.	Bridgewater, NJ
8	Burrell, Quentin	FS/SS	6'0"	180	Jr.	Decatur, GA
6	Campbell, Carlos	CB	5'11"	186	Jr.	Hampton, VA
60	Campbell, Darrell	DT	6'4"	296	Sr.	South Holland, IL
31	Carney, Jake	FS	6'0"	190	So.	Lexington, KY
1	Clark, Jared	TE	6'4"	242	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
48	Collins, Jerome	OLB/DE	6'4"	250	Sr.	Warrenville, IL
49	Curry, Derek	OLB	6'3"	241	Sr.	Sealy, TX
9	Dillingham, Pat	QB	6'1"	211	Jr.	Portola Valley, CA
34	Duff, Vontez	CB	5'11"	194	Sr.	Copperas Cove, TX
64	Dunn, Casey	T/G	6'4"	255	Jr.	Miami, FL
19	Earl, Glenn	FS	6'1"	204	Sr.	Lisle, IL
24	Ellick, Dwight	CB	5'10"	177	Jr.	Tampa, FL
88	Fasano, Anthony	TE	6'4"	253	So.	Verona, NJ
54	Fitzgerald, David	OL	6'4"	271	So.	Godfrey, IL
19	Fitzpatrick, D.J.	K/P	6'1"	192	Jr.	Granger, IN
87	Freeman, Marcus	TE	6'4"	242	So.	St. Paul, MN
75	Frome, Chris	DE	6'5"	264	So.	Saugus, CA
55	Giles, Zachary	C	6'3"	287	Jr.	Marshfield, MA
14	Godsey, Gary	TE	6'6"	250	Sr.	Tampa, FL
41	Goolsby, Mike	ILB	6'3"	243	Sr.	Joliet, IL
4	Grant, Ryan	RB	6'1"	209	Jr.	Nyack, NY
50	Hilliard, Cedric	NG	6'2"	295	Sr.	Arlington, TX
7	Holiday, Carlyle	QB	6'3"	221	Sr.	San Antonio, TX
39	Hoyle, Brandon	ILB	6'0"	228	Jr.	Parlin, NJ
15	Jackson, Preston	CB	5'9"	177	Sr.	Tampa, FL
58	Jancha, Paul	LS	6'1"	245	So.	St. Joseph, MI
32	Jenkins, Jeff	RB	6'0"	211	So.	Ann Arbor, MI
80	Jenkins, Omar	WR	6'1"	205	Sr.	Dallas, TX
71	Kowalski, David	G	6'2"	240	Sr.	Chicago, IL
8	Krueger, Matt	QB	5'10"	177	Sr.	South Bend, IN
66	Landri, Derek	NG	6'2"	265	So.	Concord, CA
28	Laux, Cole	FB	5'10"	229	Sr.	Mishawaka, IN
97	Leitko, Travis	DE	6'6"	264	So.	The Woodlands, TX

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73	LeVoi, Mark	G	6'7"	320	Jr.	Eden Prairie, MN
79	Mattes, Brian	OL	6'6"	266	So.	Larksville, MD
46	Mays, Corey	ILB	6'1"	238	Jr.	Chicago, IL
5	McKnight, Rhema	WR	6'2"	207	So.	La Palma, CA
65	Milligan, Sean	G	6'4"	291	Sr.	Norcross, GA
69	Mitchell, Darin	G	6'3"	280	Jr.	Jonesboro, GA
70	Molinaro, Jim	T	6'6"	301	Sr.	Bethlehem, PA
76	Morton, Bob	C	6'4"	299	So.	McKinney, TX
88	Nally, Patrick	TE	6'3"	243	Jr.	Tulsa, OK
84	O'Hara, Mike	WR	5'10"	174	So.	Bellevue, WA
12	Olsen, Chris	QB	6'4"	220	So.	Wayne, NJ
85	Palmer, Billy	TE	6'4"	251	Sr.	Wyntree Heathrow, FL
77	Pauly, Greg	DT	6'6"	291	Sr.	Waukesha, WI
16	Powers-Neal, Rashon	FB	6'2"	227	Jr.	St. Paul, MN
38	Profeta, Mike	RB	5'11"	198	Sr.	Cranberry T'nship, PA
62	Raridon, Scott	T	6'7"	300	So.	Mason City, IA
16	Revelle, Stan	QB	5'11"	183	Jr.	Poplar Bluff, MO
30	Richardson, Mike	CB	6'1"	188	So.	Warner Robins, GA
18	Rodamer, Ronnie	WR	6'4"	211	Sr.	Morgantown, WV
51	Ryan, Jamie	T	6'5"	290	So.	Tamaqua, PA
43	Salvador, Anthony	ILB	6'2"	220	So.	Concord, CA
93	Santucci, Dan	DE	6'5"	270	So.	Chicago, IL
99	Sapp, Jason	DE	6'3"	256	Sr.	Bridgeport, CT
25	Schiccatano, Nate	FB	6'3"	224	So.	Coal T'nship, PA
26	Schmidt, Josh	FB	6'1"	220	So.	Germantown, TN
40	Schomas, Nate	WR	5'10"	165	So.	Wheaton, IL
13	Setta, Nicholas	K/P	5'11"	184	Sr.	Lockport, IL
82	Shelton, Matt	WR	5'11"	177	Jr.	Collierville, TN
74	Stevenson, Dan	G/T	6'5"	297	Jr.	Barrington, IL
21	Stovall, Maurice	WR	6'5"	221	So.	Philadelphia, PA
72	Thompson, Jeff	OL	6'4"	287	Jr.	Granger, IN
44	Tuck, Justin	DE	6'5"	246	Jr.	Kellyton, NJ
33	Watson, Courtney	ILB	6'1"	234	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
11	Wilson, Marcus	RB	5'11"	198	Jr.	Staten Island, NY
84	Woods, Rob	WR	6'3"	200	So.	Atlantic, IA

2003 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Victor Abiamiri **OL** **6'5"** **245** **Randallstown, MD**
 Named first-team All-America by USA Today in 2002. Also named Metro Defensive Player of the Year by the Baltimore Sun.

Chase Anastasio **WR** **6'2"** **190** **Burke, VA**
 Totaled over 1,000 yards and 13 TDs as a senior. Earned all-league honors as a RB and DB by the Washington Post.

Nick Borsetti **LB** **6'1"** **205** **Saugus, MA**
 Posted 100 tackles and 13 sacks in 2002. Prep'd last season at St. John's (MA) Prep where he earned all-conference honors.

Joe Brockington **LB** **6'1"** **215** **Palmyra, PA**
 Missed nearly his entire senior season due to an shoulder injury. Finished career with nearly 3,500 rushing yards.

John Carlson **TE** **6'6"** **230** **Litchfield, MN**
 Caught 41 passes for 471 yards and seven TDs as a senior. Earned all-state accolades in 2002.

Isaiah Gardner **DB/RB** **5'10"** **190** **Virginia Beach, VA**
 Rushed for 1,010 yards and 14 TDs as a senior. Accounted for 40 TDs during his junior and senior year.

Ryan Harris **OL** **6'5"** **255** **St. Paul, MN**
 Named first-team All-America by USA Today. Rated the No. 51 prospect in the country by Tom Lemming.

LaBrose Hedgmon **DB** **5'10"** **180** **Hoover, AL**
 Recorded 45 tackles and four INTs as a senior. Helped lead Hoover High School to a Alabama Class 6A state title in 2002.

Trevor Laws **DL** **6'2"** **290** **Burnsville, MN**
 Named 2002 Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year. Posted 87 tackles, 17 TFLs and 11 sacks as a senior.

Ashley McConnell **FB** **6'0"** **240** **Adairsville, GA**
 Rushed for 485 yards and six TDs as a senior. Credited with 65 tackles and two INTs as an ILB in 2002.

Chinedum Ndukwe **WR** **6'3"** **190** **Powell, OH**
 Caught 48 passes for 740 yards and 12 TDs as a senior. Earned All-Central Ohio honors following the 2002 season.

Greg Olsen **TE** **6'6"** **245** **Wayne, NJ**
 Rated the No. 2 TE in the country by Rivals.com. Named 2002 Gatorade Player of the Year for New Jersey. Caught 38 passes for 703 yards and 14 TDs as a senior.

Freddie Parish **DB** **6'1"** **195** **Redondo Beach, CA**
 Recorded 71 solo tackles and three INTs as a senior. Rated the No. 5 safety in the nation by Rivals.com.

Geoffrey Price **P** **6'3"** **180** **Hurst, TX**
 Averaged 45.6 yards per punt as a junior. Rated the No. 21 K in the country by Rivals.com.

Brady Quinn **QB** **6'4"** **210** **Dublin, OH**
 Named Ohio Capital Conference Offensive Player of the Year by the Columbus Dispatch. Threw for 2,149 yards and 25 TDs as a senior. Named to the Division 1 Ohio All-State team in 2002.

Jeff Samardzija **WR** **6'4"** **190** **Valparaiso, IN**
 Caught 50 passes for 1,044 yards and nine TDs in 2002. Named to the first-team All-State squad by the Associated Press.

Dwight Stephenson **LB** **6'3"** **227** **Delray Beach, FL**
 Named to the Sun-Sentinel Super 11 team as a senior. Son of former Alabama All-America center and Miami Dolphin NFL Hall of Famer Dwight Stephenson.

John Sullivan **C** **6'4"** **280** **Old Greenwich, CT**
 Named 2002 Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year. Earned Parade All-America honors as a senior.

Mitchell Thomas **LB** **6'3"** **210** **Opelika, AL**
 Two-way starter who rushed for 500 yards and five TDs while posting 70 tackles for Smiths Station High School.

Travis Thomas **RB** **6'1"** **200** **Washington, PA**
 Rushed for 1,176 yards and 18 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 31 RB in the country by Rivals.com.

Ambrose Wooden **WR** **6'1"** **190** **Baltimore, MD**
 Dual-threat QB who rushed for 1,635 yards and 22 TDs while throwing for 1,127 yards and 13 TDs. Set the Maryland state record with 7,261 career total yards.

Tom Zbikowski **DB** **6'0"** **185** **Arlington Heights, IL**
 Named area Player of the Year by the Chicago Sun-Times. Threw for 1,382 yards and 11 TDs while rushing for 1,287 yards and 23 TDs in 2002. Owns a 60-13 amateur boxing record.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	80	Omar Jenkins (Sr.)	5	Rhema McKnight (So.)
FL	21	Maurice Stovall (So.)	18	Ronnie Rodamer (Sr.)
LT	70	Jim Molinaro (Sr.)	62	Scott Raridon (So.)
LG	73	Mark LeVoi (Jr.)	69	Darin Mitchell (Jr.)
C	55	Zachary Giles (Jr.)	76	Bob Morton (So.)
RG	65	Sean Milligan (Sr.)	72	Jeff Thompson (Jr.)
RT	74	Dan Stevenson (Jr.)	51	Jamie Ryan (So.)
TE	14	Gary Godsey (Sr.)	1	Jared Clark (Sr.)
QB	7	Carlyle Holiday (Sr.)	9	Pat Dillingham (Jr.)
FB	16	Rashon Powers-Neal (Jr.)	25	Nate Schiccatano (So.)
TB	4	Ryan Grant (Jr.)	11	Marcus Wilson (Jr.)

Defense (8)

DE	92	Kyle Budinscak (Sr.)	90	Brian Beidatsch (Jr.)
DT	60	Darrell Campbell (Sr.)	77	Greg Pauly (Sr.)
NT	50	Cedric Hilliard (Sr.)	66	Derek Landri (So.)
DE	44	Justin Tuck (Jr.)	97	Travis Leitko (So.)
SLB	49	Derek Curry (Sr.)	48	Jerome Collins (Sr.)
MLB	41	Mike Goolsby (Sr.)	46	Corey Mays (Jr.)
WLB	33	Courtney Watson (Sr.)	39	Brandon Hoyle (Jr.)
CB	34	Vontez Duff (Sr.)	24	Dwight Ellick (Jr.)
CB	9	Jason Beckstrom (Sr.)	15	Preston Jackson (Sr.)
SS	26	Garron Bible (Sr.)	27	Lionel Bolen (Jr.)
FS	19	Glenn Earl (Sr.)	8	Quentin Burrell (Jr.)

Special Teams

K	13	Nicholas Setta (Sr.)
P	13	Nicholas Setta (Sr.)
KR	34	Vontez Duff (Sr.)
PR	34	Vontez Duff (Sr.)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters

Returning Leaders

Passing: Carlyle Holiday, 129-257-1,788-5, 10 TDs
Rushing: Ryan Grant, 261 car., 1,085 yds., 9 TDs
Receiving: Omar Jenkins, 37 rec., 633 yds., 3 TDs
Scoring: Nicholas Setta, 14 FG, 32 XP, 74 points
Punting: D.J. Fitzpatrick, 1 punt, 31.0 avg.
Kicking: Nicholas Setta, 14-25 FG, 32-32 XP
Tackles: Courtney Watson, 90, 51 solo
Tackles for loss: Mike Goolsby, 13 for 41 yds.
Sacks: Darrell Campbell, 5
Interceptions: Courtney Watson, 4 for 123 yds.
Kickoff returns: Vontez Duff, 19 ret., 27.7 avg.
Punt returns: Vontez Duff, 40 ret., 9.6 avg.

2002 Results

A.	31	at Maryland	W	22-0
S.	7	Purdue	W	24-17
S.	14	Michigan	W	25-23
S.	21	at Michigan State	W	21-17
O.	5	Stanford	W	31-7
O.	12	Pittsburgh	W	14-6
O.	19	at Air Force	W	21-14
O.	26	at Florida State	W	34-24
N.	2	Boston College	L	7-14
N.	9	at Navy	W	30-23
N.	23	Rutgers	W	42-0
N.	30	at USC	L	13-44
J.	1	#NC State	L	6-28

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2003 I-A & I-AA College Football Schedules

ACC

CLEMSON (7-6)

Clemson, SC
A. 30 Georgia
S. 6 Furman
S. 13 Middle Tennessee
S. 20 at Georgia Tech
O. 4 at Maryland
O. 11 Virginia
O. 18 at NC State
O. 25 North Carolina
N. 1 at Wake Forest
N. 8 Florida State
N. 15 Duke
N. 22 at South Carolina

DUKE (2-10)

Durham, NC
A. 30 at Virginia
S. 6 Western Carolina
S. 13 Rice
S. 20 Northwestern
S. 27 Florida State
O. 11 at Maryland
O. 18 Wake Forest
O. 25 NC State
N. 1 at Tennessee
N. 8 Georgia Tech
N. 15 at Clemson
N. 22 at North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (9-5)

Tallahassee, FL
A. 30 at North Carolina
S. 6 Maryland
S. 13 Georgia Tech
S. 20 Colorado
S. 27 at Duke
O. 11 Miami
O. 18 at Virginia
O. 25 Wake Forest
N. 1 at Notre Dame
N. 8 at Clemson
N. 15 NC State
N. 29 at Florida

GEORGIA TECH (7-6)

Atlanta, GA
A. 28 at BYU
S. 6 Auburn
S. 13 at Florida State
S. 20 Clemson
S. 27 at Vanderbilt
O. 4 NC State
O. 11 at Wake Forest
O. 23 Maryland
N. 8 at Duke
N. 15 North Carolina
N. 22 at Virginia
N. 29 Georgia

MARYLAND (11-3)

College Park, MD
A. 30 at Northern Illinois
S. 6 at Florida State
S. 13 The Citadel
S. 20 West Virginia
S. 27 at Eastern Michigan
O. 4 Clemson
O. 11 Duke
O. 23 at Georgia Tech
N. 1 North Carolina
N. 13 Virginia
N. 22 at NC State
N. 29 at Wake Forest

NORTH CAROLINA (3-9)

Chapel Hill, NC
A. 30 Florida State
S. 6 Syracuse
S. 20 at Wisconsin
S. 27 at NC State
O. 4 Virginia
O. 11 at East Carolina
O. 18 Arizona State
O. 25 at Clemson
N. 1 at Maryland
N. 8 Wake Forest
N. 15 at Georgia Tech
N. 22 Duke

NC STATE (11-3)

Raleigh, NC
A. 30 Western Carolina
S. 6 at Wake Forest
S. 13 at Ohio State
S. 20 Texas Tech
S. 27 North Carolina
O. 4 at Georgia Tech
O. 11 Connecticut
O. 18 Clemson
O. 25 at Duke
N. 1 Virginia
N. 15 at Florida State
N. 22 Maryland

VIRGINIA (9-5)

Charlottesville, VA
A. 30 Duke
S. 6 at South Carolina
S. 13 at Western Michigan
S. 27 Wake Forest
O. 4 at North Carolina
O. 11 at Clemson
O. 18 Florida State
O. 25 Troy State
N. 1 at NC State
N. 13 at Maryland
N. 22 Georgia Tech
N. 29 Virginia Tech

WAKE FOREST (7-6)

Winston-Salem, NC
A. 30 at Boston College
S. 6 NC State
S. 13 Purdue
S. 20 East Carolina
S. 27 at Virginia
O. 11 Georgia Tech
O. 18 at Duke
O. 25 at Florida State
N. 1 Clemson
N. 8 at North Carolina
N. 15 Connecticut
N. 29 Maryland

BIG EAST

BOSTON COLLEGE (9-4)

Chestnut Hill, MA
A. 30 Wake Forest
S. 6 at Penn State
S. 13 at Connecticut
S. 20 Miami
S. 27 Ball State
O. 11 at Temple
O. 18 at Syracuse
O. 25 Notre Dame
N. 1 Pittsburgh
N. 8 West Virginia
N. 15 at Rutgers
N. 22 at Virginia Tech

MIAMI (12-1)

Coral Gables, FL
A. 30 at Louisiana Tech
S. 6 Florida
S. 13 East Carolina
S. 20 at Boston College
O. 2 West Virginia
O. 11 at Florida State
O. 18 Temple
N. 1 at Virginia Tech
N. 8 Tennessee
N. 15 Syracuse
N. 22 Rutgers
N. 29 at Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH (9-4)

Pittsburgh, PA
S. 6 Kent State
S. 13 Ball State
S. 20 at Toledo
S. 27 at Texas A&M
O. 11 Notre Dame
O. 18 at Rutgers
O. 25 Syracuse
N. 1 at Boston College
N. 8 Virginia Tech
N. 15 at West Virginia
N. 22 at Temple
N. 29 Miami

RUTGERS (1-11)

New Brunswick, NJ
A. 30 Buffalo
S. 6 at Michigan State
S. 13 at Army
S. 27 Navy
O. 4 Virginia Tech
O. 11 at West Virginia
O. 18 Pittsburgh
O. 25 at Temple
N. 8 at Connecticut
N. 15 Boston College
N. 22 at Miami
N. 29 Syracuse

SYRACUSE (4-8)

Syracuse, NY
S. 6 at North Carolina
S. 13 Louisville
S. 20 UCF
S. 27 Toledo
O. 11 at Virginia Tech
O. 18 Boston College
O. 25 at Pittsburgh
N. 8 Temple
N. 15 at Miami
N. 22 West Virginia
N. 29 at Rutgers
D. 6 Notre Dame

TEMPLE (4-8)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 at Penn State
S. 6 Villanova
S. 20 at Cincinnati
S. 27 at Louisville
O. 4 at Middle Tennessee
O. 11 Boston College
O. 18 at Miami
O. 25 Rutgers
N. 8 at Syracuse
N. 15 Virginia Tech
N. 22 Pittsburgh
N. 29 at West Virginia

VIRGINIA TECH (10-4)

Blacksburg, VA
A. 30 UCF
S. 6 James Madison
S. 18 Texas A&M
S. 27 Connecticut
O. 4 at Rutgers
O. 11 Syracuse
O. 22 at West Virginia
N. 1 Miami
N. 8 at Pittsburgh
N. 15 at Temple
N. 22 Boston College
N. 29 at Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA (9-4)

Morgantown, WV
A. 30 Wisconsin
S. 6 at East Carolina
S. 13 Cincinnati
S. 20 at Maryland
O. 2 at Miami
O. 11 Rutgers
O. 22 Virginia Tech
N. 1 UCF
N. 8 at Boston College
N. 15 Pittsburgh
N. 22 at Syracuse
N. 29 Temple

BIG TEN

ILLINOIS (5-7)

Champaign, IL
A. 30 #Missouri
S. 6 Illinois State
S. 13 at UCLA
S. 20 California
S. 27 Wisconsin
O. 4 at Purdue
O. 11 Michigan State
O. 18 at Michigan
O. 25 Minnesota
N. 1 at Iowa
N. 8 at Indiana
N. 22 Northwestern
#St. Louis, MO

INDIANA (3-9)

Bloomington, IN
A. 30 at Connecticut
S. 6 at Washington
S. 13 Indiana State
S. 20 Kentucky
S. 27 at Michigan
O. 4 at Michigan State
O. 11 Northwestern
O. 25 Ohio State
N. 1 at Minnesota
N. 8 Illinois
N. 15 at Penn State
N. 22 Purdue

IOWA (11-2)

Iowa City, IA
A. 30 Miami (OH)
S. 6 Buffalo
S. 13 at Iowa State
S. 20 Arizona State
S. 27 at Michigan State
O. 4 Michigan
O. 18 at Ohio State
O. 25 Penn State
N. 1 Illinois
N. 8 at Purdue
N. 15 Minnesota
N. 22 at Wisconsin

MICHIGAN (10-3)

Ann Arbor, MI
A. 30 Central Michigan
S. 6 Houston
S. 13 Notre Dame
S. 20 at Oregon
S. 27 Indiana
O. 4 at Iowa
O. 11 at Minnesota
O. 18 Illinois
O. 25 Purdue
N. 1 at Michigan State
N. 15 at Northwestern
N. 22 Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (4-8)

East Lansing, MI
A. 30 Western Michigan
S. 6 Rutgers
S. 13 Louisiana Tech
S. 20 at Notre Dame
S. 27 Iowa
O. 4 Indiana
O. 11 at Illinois
O. 18 at Minnesota
N. 1 Michigan
N. 8 at Ohio State
N. 15 at Wisconsin
N. 22 Penn State

MINNESOTA (8-5)

Minneapolis, MN
A. 30 Tulsa
S. 6 Troy State
S. 13 at Ohio
S. 20 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 27 at Penn State
O. 4 at Northwestern
O. 11 Michigan
O. 18 Michigan State
O. 25 at Illinois
N. 1 Indiana
N. 8 Wisconsin
N. 15 at Iowa

NORTHWESTERN (3-9)

Evanston, IL
A. 30 at Kansas
S. 6 Air Force
S. 13 Miami (OH)
S. 20 at Duke
S. 27 at Ohio State
O. 4 Minnesota
O. 11 at Indiana
O. 25 Wisconsin
N. 1 at Purdue
N. 8 Penn State
N. 15 Michigan
N. 22 at Illinois

OHIO STATE (14-0)

Columbus, OH
A. 30 Washington
S. 6 San Diego State
S. 13 NC State
S. 20 Bowling Green
S. 27 Northwestern
O. 11 at Wisconsin
O. 18 Iowa
O. 25 at Indiana
N. 1 at Penn State
N. 8 Michigan State
N. 15 Purdue
N. 22 at Michigan

PENN STATE (9-4)

University Park, PA
A. 30 Temple
S. 6 Boston College
S. 13 at Nebraska
S. 20 Kent State
S. 27 Minnesota
O. 4 Wisconsin
O. 11 at Purdue
O. 25 at Iowa
N. 1 Ohio State
N. 8 at Northwestern
N. 15 Indiana
N. 22 at Michigan State

PURDUE (7-6)

West Lafayette, IN
S. 6 Bowling Green
S. 13 at Wake Forest
S. 20 Arizona
S. 27 Notre Dame
O. 4 Illinois
O. 11 Penn State
O. 18 at Wisconsin
O. 25 at Michigan
N. 1 Northwestern
N. 8 Iowa
N. 15 at Ohio State
N. 22 at Indiana

WISCONSIN (8-6)

Madison, WI
A. 30 at West Virginia
S. 6 Akron
S. 13 UNLV
S. 20 North Carolina
S. 27 at Illinois
O. 4 at Penn State
O. 11 Ohio State
O. 18 Purdue
O. 25 at Northwestern
N. 8 Minnesota
N. 15 Michigan State
N. 22 Iowa

BIG 12

BAYLOR (3-9)

Waco, TX
A. 30 UAB
S. 6 at North Texas
S. 13 SMU
S. 20 Sam Houston
O. 4 Colorado
O. 11 at Texas A&M
O. 18 at Kansas
O. 25 Texas
N. 1 at Kansas State
N. 8 Texas Tech
N. 15 at Oklahoma
N. 22 Oklahoma State

COLORADO (9-5)

Boulder, CO
A. 30 #Colorado State
S. 6 UCLA
S. 13 Washington State
S. 20 at Florida State
O. 4 at Baylor
O. 11 Kansas
O. 18 at Kansas State
O. 25 Oklahoma
N. 1 at Texas Tech
N. 8 Missouri
N. 15 at Iowa State
N. 28 Nebraska
#Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (7-7)

Ames, IA
A. 30 Northern Iowa
S. 6 Ohio
S. 13 Iowa
S. 27 at Northern Illinois
O. 4 Oklahoma
O. 11 at Texas Tech
O. 18 Texas
O. 25 at Nebraska
N. 1 at Missouri
N. 8 Kansas State
N. 15 Colorado
N. 22 at Kansas

KANSAS (2-10)

Lawrence, KS
A. 30 Northwestern
S. 6 UNLV
S. 13 at Wyoming
S. 20 Jacksonville State
S. 27 Missouri
O. 11 at Colorado
O. 18 Baylor
O. 25 at Kansas State
N. 1 at Texas A&M
N. 8 Nebraska
N. 15 at Oklahoma State
N. 22 Iowa State

KANSAS STATE (11-2)

Manhattan, KS
A. 23 #California
A. 30 Troy State
S. 6 McNeese State
S. 13 Massachusetts
S. 20 Marshall
O. 4 at Texas
O. 11 at Oklahoma State
O. 18 Colorado
O. 25 Kansas
N. 1 Baylor
N. 8 at Iowa State
N. 15 at Nebraska
N. 22 Missouri
#Kansas City, MO

MISSOURI (5-7)

Columbia, MO
A. 30 #Illinois
S. 6 at Ball State
S. 13 Eastern Illinois
S. 20 Middle Tennessee
S. 27 at Kansas
O. 11 Nebraska
O. 18 at Oklahoma
O. 25 Texas Tech
N. 1 Iowa State
N. 8 at Colorado
N. 15 Texas A&M
N. 22 at Kansas State
#St. Louis, MO

NEBRASKA (7-7)

Lincoln, NE
A. 30 Oklahoma State
S. 6 Utah State
S. 13 Penn State
S. 25 at Southern Miss
O. 4 Troy State
O. 11 at Missouri
O. 18 Texas A&M
O. 25 Iowa State
N. 1 at Texas
N. 8 at Kansas
N. 15 Kansas State
N. 28 at Colorado

OKLAHOMA (12-2)

Norman, OK
A. 30 North Texas
S. 6 at Alabama
S. 13 Fresno State
S. 20 UCLA
O. 4 at Iowa State
O. 11 #Texas
O. 18 Missouri
O. 25 at Colorado
N. 1 Oklahoma State
N. 8 Texas A&M
N. 15 Baylor
N. 22 at Texas Tech
#Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (8-5)

Stillwater, OK
A. 30 at Nebraska
S. 6 Wyoming
S. 13 SW Missouri State
S. 20 at SMU
O. 4 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 11 Kansas State
O. 18 Texas Tech
O. 25 at Texas A&M
N. 1 at Oklahoma
N. 8 Texas
N. 15 Kansas
N. 22 at Baylor

TEXAS (11-2)

Austin, TX
A. 30 New Mexico State
S. 13 Arkansas
S. 20 at Rice
S. 27 Tulane
O. 4 Kansas State
O. 11 #Oklahoma
O. 18 at Iowa State
O. 25 at Baylor
N. 1 Nebraska
N. 8 at Oklahoma State
N. 15 Texas Tech
N. 28 at Texas A&M
#Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (6-6)

College Station, TX
A. 30 Arkansas State
S. 6 Utah
S. 27 at Virginia Tech
O. 4 at Texas Tech
O. 11 Baylor
O. 18 at Nebraska
O. 25 Oklahoma State
N. 1 Kansas
N. 8 at Oklahoma
N. 15 at Missouri
N. 28 Texas

TEXAS TECH (9-5)

Lubbock, TX
A. 30 SMU
S. 6 New Mexico
S. 20 at NC State
S. 27 at Ole Miss
O. 4 Texas A&M
O. 11 Iowa State
O. 18 at Oklahoma State
O. 25 at Missouri
N. 1 Colorado
N. 8 at Baylor
N. 15 at Texas
N. 22 Oklahoma

C-USA

ARMY (1-11)

West Point, NY
S. 6 Connecticut
S. 13 Rutgers
S. 20 Tulane
S. 27 South Florida
O. 4 at TCU
O. 11 at Louisville
O. 18 East Carolina
O. 25 at Cincinnati
N. 1 at UAB
N. 8 at Air Force
N. 15 Houston
N. 22 at Hawaii
D. 6 Navy
#Philadelphia, PA

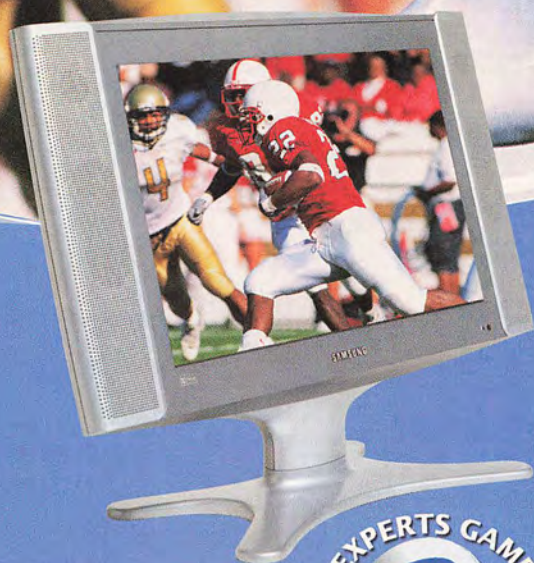
CINCINNATI (7-7)

Cincinnati, OH
S. 1 East Carolina
S. 13 at West Virginia
S. 20 Temple
S. 27 at Miami (OH)
O. 4 Southern Miss
O. 11 at UAB
O. 25 Army
N. 1 at South Florida
N. 8 Rhode Island
N. 15 at TCU
N. 22 at Memphis
N. 29 Louisville

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SAMSUNG

EAST CAROLINA (4-8)

Greenville, NC
S. 1 at Cincinnati
S. 6 West Virginia
S. 13 at Miami
S. 20 at Wake Forest
O. 1 Houston
O. 11 North Carolina
O. 18 at Army
O. 25 Louisville
N. 1 at Memphis
N. 8 South Florida
N. 22 at Tulane
N. 29 Southern Miss

HOUSTON (5-7)

Houston, TX
A. 30 Rice
S. 6 at Michigan
S. 13 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 20 Mississippi State
O. 1 at East Carolina
O. 11 at Tulane
O. 18 Memphis
O. 25 TCU
N. 8 Southern Miss
N. 15 at Army
N. 22 at Louisville
N. 29 UAB

LOUISVILLE (7-6)

Louisville, KY
A. 31 at Kentucky
S. 13 at Syracuse
S. 20 UTEP
S. 27 Temple
O. 4 at South Florida
O. 11 Army
O. 18 Tulane
O. 25 at East Carolina
N. 8 at TCU
N. 15 Memphis
N. 22 Houston
N. 29 at Cincinnati

MEMPHIS (3-9)

Memphis, TN
A. 30 Tennessee Tech
S. 6 Ole Miss
S. 13 at Southern Miss
S. 27 Arkansas State
O. 4 UAB
O. 11 at Mississippi State
O. 18 at Houston
O. 25 at Tulane
N. 1 East Carolina
N. 15 at Louisville
N. 22 Cincinnati
N. 29 South Florida

SOUTHERN MISS (7-6)

Hattiesburg, MS
A. 30 at California
S. 4 at UAB
S. 13 Memphis
S. 25 Nebraska
O. 4 at Cincinnati
O. 11 at Alabama
O. 25 South Florida
N. 1 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 8 at Houston
N. 15 Tulane
N. 20 TCU
N. 29 at East Carolina

SOUTH FLORIDA (9-2)

Tampa, FL
A. 30 #Alabama
S. 6 Nicholls State
S. 27 at Army
O. 4 Louisville
O. 10 TCU
O. 25 at Southern Miss
N. 1 Cincinnati
N. 8 at East Carolina
N. 22 UAB
N. 29 at Memphis
#Birmingham, AL

TCU (10-2)

Fort Worth, TX
S. 1 at Tulane
S. 6 Navy
S. 20 Vanderbilt
S. 27 at Arizona
O. 4 Army
O. 10 at South Florida
O. 18 UAB
O. 25 at Houston
N. 4 Louisville
N. 15 Cincinnati
N. 20 at Southern Miss
N. 29 at SMU

TULANE (8-5)

New Orleans, LA
S. 1 TCU
S. 6 Northwestern State
S. 13 Mississippi State
S. 20 at Army
S. 27 at Texas
O. 11 Houston
O. 18 at Louisville
O. 25 Memphis
N. 1 at Navy
N. 8 at UAB
N. 15 at Southern Miss
N. 22 East Carolina

UAB (5-7)

Birmingham, AL
A. 30 at Baylor
S. 4 Southern Miss
S. 13 Troy State
S. 20 at South Carolina
O. 4 at Memphis
O. 11 Cincinnati
O. 18 at TCU
O. 25 at Georgia
N. 1 Army
N. 8 Tulane
N. 22 at South Florida
N. 29 at Houston

MAC**AKRON (4-8)**

Akron, OH
A. 28 Kent State
S. 6 at Wisconsin
S. 13 Eastern Michigan
S. 20 Howard
S. 27 at Buffalo
O. 4 at Miami (OH)
O. 11 Cal Poly
O. 18 UCF
O. 25 at Connecticut
N. 1 at Marshall
N. 8 at Central Michigan
N. 15 Ohio

BALL STATE (6-6)

Muncie, IN
A. 30 Indiana State
S. 6 Missouri
S. 13 at Pittsburgh
S. 20 Central Michigan
S. 27 at Boston College
O. 4 at Kent State
O. 18 Miami (OH)
O. 25 Toledo
N. 1 at Northern Illinois
N. 8 at Western Michigan
N. 15 at Eastern Michigan
N. 22 Bowling Green

BOWLING GREEN (9-3)

Bowling Green, OH
A. 28 Eastern Kentucky
S. 6 at Purdue
S. 13 Liberty
S. 20 at Ohio State
O. 4 Central Michigan
O. 11 at Western Michigan
O. 18 at Eastern Michigan
O. 25 Northern Illinois
N. 4 at Miami (OH)
N. 15 Kent State
N. 22 at Ball State
N. 28 Toledo

BUFFALO (1-11)

Buffalo, NY
A. 30 at Rutgers
S. 6 at Iowa
S. 13 Colgate
S. 20 Connecticut
S. 27 Akron
O. 4 at UCF
O. 11 at Miami (OH)
O. 18 Marshall
O. 25 Ohio
N. 1 at Toledo
N. 8 Northern Illinois
N. 22 at Kent State

CENTRAL MICHIGAN (4-8)

Mt. Pleasant, MI
A. 30 at Michigan
S. 6 New Hampshire
S. 13 Eastern Kentucky
S. 20 at Ball State
O. 4 at Bowling Green
O. 11 Northern Illinois
O. 18 Toledo
O. 25 at UCF
N. 1 Eastern Michigan
N. 8 Akron
N. 15 at Western Michigan
N. 22 at Navy

EASTERN MICHIGAN (3-9)

Ypsilanti, MI
A. 28 East Tenn. State
S. 4 Western Illinois
S. 13 at Akron
S. 20 at Navy
S. 27 Maryland
O. 4 Western Michigan
O. 11 at Toledo
O. 18 Bowling Green
N. 1 at Central Michigan
N. 8 UCF
N. 15 Ball State
N. 22 at Northern Illinois

KENT STATE (3-9)

Kent, OH
A. 28 at Akron
S. 6 at Pittsburgh
S. 13 Youngstown State
S. 20 at Penn State
S. 27 UCF
O. 4 Ball State
O. 11 at Marshall
O. 18 Connecticut
O. 25 Miami (OH)
N. 8 at Ohio
N. 15 at Bowling Green
N. 22 Buffalo

MARSHALL (11-2)

Huntington, WV
A. 30 Hofstra
S. 6 at Tennessee
S. 12 Toledo
S. 20 at Kansas State
S. 27 at Troy State
O. 11 Kent State
O. 18 at Buffalo
O. 25 at Western Michigan
N. 1 Akron
N. 12 at Miami (OH)
N. 19 at UCF
N. 28 Ohio

MIAMI (OH) (7-5)

Oxford, OH
A. 30 at Iowa
S. 13 at Northwestern
S. 20 at Colorado State
S. 27 Cincinnati
O. 4 Akron
O. 11 Buffalo
O. 18 at Ball State
O. 25 at Kent State
N. 4 Bowling Green
N. 12 Marshall
N. 22 at Ohio
N. 28 at UCF

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (8-4)

Dekalb, IL
A. 30 Maryland
S. 6 Tennessee Tech
S. 20 at Alabama
S. 27 Iowa State
O. 4 Ohio
O. 11 at Central Michigan
O. 18 Western Michigan
O. 25 at Bowling Green
N. 1 Ball State
N. 8 at Buffalo
N. 15 at Toledo
N. 22 Eastern Michigan

OHIO (4-8)

Athens, OH
A. 28 SE Missouri State
S. 6 at Iowa State
S. 13 Minnesota
S. 27 Western Michigan
O. 4 at Northern Illinois
O. 11 UCF
O. 18 at Kentucky
O. 25 at Buffalo
N. 8 Kent State
N. 15 at Akron
N. 22 Miami (OH)
N. 28 at Marshall

TOLEDO (9-5)

Toledo, OH
A. 30 at UNLV
S. 6 Liberty
S. 12 at Marshall
S. 20 Pittsburgh
S. 27 at Syracuse
O. 11 Eastern Michigan
O. 18 at Central Michigan
O. 25 at Ball State
N. 1 Buffalo
N. 15 Northern Illinois
N. 22 Western Michigan
N. 28 at Bowling Green

UCF (7-5)

Orlando, FL
A. 30 at Virginia Tech
S. 13 Florida Atlantic
S. 20 at Syracuse
S. 27 at Kent State
O. 4 Buffalo
O. 11 at Ohio
O. 18 at Akron
O. 25 Central Michigan
N. 1 at West Virginia
N. 8 at Eastern Michigan
N. 19 Marshall
N. 28 Miami (OH)

WESTERN MICHIGAN (4-8)

Kalamazoo, MI
A. 30 at Michigan State
S. 6 William & Mary
S. 13 Virginia
S. 20 at Syracuse
S. 27 at Kent State
O. 4 Buffalo
O. 11 at Ohio
O. 18 at Akron
O. 25 Central Michigan
N. 1 at West Virginia
N. 8 at Eastern Michigan
N. 19 Marshall
N. 28 Miami (OH)

MWC**AIR FORCE (8-5)**

Colorado Springs, CO
A. 30 Wofford
S. 6 at Northwestern
S. 13 North Texas
S. 20 Wyoming
S. 27 at BYU
O. 4 #Navy
O. 11 UNLV
O. 16 at Colorado State
N. 1 Utah
N. 8 Army
N. 15 at New Mexico
N. 22 at San Diego State
#Lander, MD

BYU (5-7)

Provo, UT
A. 28 Georgia Tech
S. 6 at USC
S. 13 at New Mexico
S. 20 Stanford
S. 27 Air Force
O. 4 at San Diego State
O. 9 Colorado State
O. 18 at Wyoming
O. 25 at UNLV
O. 31 Boise State
N. 15 at Notre Dame
N. 22 Utah

COLORADO STATE (10-4)

Fort Collins, CO
A. 30 #Colorado
S. 6 California
S. 13 Weber State
S. 20 Miami (OH)
S. 27 Utah
O. 4 Fresno State
O. 9 at BYU
O. 16 Air Force
N. 1 at Wyoming
N. 7 at New Mexico
N. 15 San Diego State
N. 22 at UNLV
#Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (7-7)

Albuquerque, NM
A. 30 SW Texas State
S. 6 at Texas Tech
S. 13 BYU
S. 20 at Washington State
S. 27 New Mexico State
O. 4 Utah State
O. 18 at San Diego State
O. 25 Utah
N. 1 UNLV
N. 7 Colorado State
N. 15 Air Force
N. 22 at Wyoming

SAN DIEGO STATE (4-9)

San Diego, CA
A. 30 Eastern Washington
S. 6 at Ohio State
S. 13 at UTEP
S. 20 Samford
S. 27 at UCLA
O. 4 BYU
O. 11 at Utah
O. 18 New Mexico
O. 25 Wyoming
N. 8 at UNLV
N. 15 at Colorado State
N. 22 Air Force

UNLV (5-7)

Las Vegas, NV
A. 30 Toledo
S. 6 at Kansas
S. 13 at Wisconsin
S. 19 Hawaii
O. 4 at Nevada
O. 11 at Air Force
O. 18 Utah
O. 25 BYU
N. 1 at New Mexico
N. 8 San Diego State
N. 22 Colorado State
N. 29 at Wyoming

UTAH (5-6)

Salt Lake City, UT
A. 28 Utah State
S. 13 Illinois
S. 11 California
S. 27 at Colorado State
O. 3 Oregon
O. 11 San Diego State
O. 18 at UNLV
O. 25 New Mexico
N. 1 at Air Force
N. 15 Wyoming
N. 22 at BYU

WYOMING (2-10)

Laramie, WY
A. 30 Montana State
S. 6 at Oklahoma State
S. 13 Kansas
S. 20 at Air Force
S. 27 at Boise State
O. 11 at Utah State
O. 18 BYU
O. 25 at San Diego State
O. 1 Colorado State
N. 15 at Utah
N. 22 New Mexico
N. 29 UNLV

PAC-10**ARIZONA (4-8)**

Tucson, AZ
A. 30 UTEP
S. 6 LSU
S. 13 Oregon
S. 20 at Purdue
S. 27 TCU
O. 4 at Washington State
O. 11 UCLA
O. 25 at California
N. 1 at Oregon State
N. 8 Washington
N. 15 USC
N. 28 at Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (8-6)

Tempe, AZ
S. 6 Northern Arizona
S. 13 Utah State
S. 20 at Iowa
S. 27 at Oregon State
O. 4 USC
O. 11 Oregon
O. 18 at North Carolina
O. 25 at UCLA
N. 1 California
N. 8 at Stanford
N. 15 at Washington State
N. 28 Arizona

CALIFORNIA (7-5)

Berkeley, CA
A. 23 #Kansas State
A. 30 Southern Miss
S. 6 Colorado State
S. 13 Stanford
S. 20 at Illinois
S. 27 USC
O. 4 Oregon State
O. 18 at UCLA
O. 25 Arizona
N. 1 at Arizona State
N. 8 at Oregon
N. 15 Washington
N. 22 at Stanford
#Kansas City, MO

OREGON (7-6)

Eugene, OR
A. 30 at Mississippi State
S. 6 Nevada
S. 13 at Arizona
S. 20 Michigan
S. 27 Washington State
O. 4 at Utah
O. 11 at Arizona State
O. 25 Stanford
N. 1 at Washington
N. 8 California
N. 15 at UCLA
N. 22 Oregon State

OREGON STATE (8-5)

Corvallis, OR
A. 30 Sacramento State
S. 6 at Fresno State
S. 13 New Mexico State
S. 20 Boise State
S. 27 Arizona State
O. 4 at California
O. 18 Washington
O. 25 at Washington State
N. 1 Arizona
N. 15 Stanford
N. 22 at Oregon
D. 6 at USC

STANFORD (2-9)

Stanford, CA
S. 6 San Jose State
S. 20 at BYU
S. 27 at Washington
O. 11 at USC
O. 18 Washington State
O. 25 at Oregon
O. 25 UCLA
N. 8 Arizona State
N. 15 at Oregon State
N. 22 California
N. 29 Notre Dame

UCLA (8-5)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 6 Colorado
S. 13 Illinois
S. 20 at Oklahoma
S. 27 San Diego State
O. 4 Washington
O. 11 at Arizona
O. 18 California
O. 25 Arizona State
N. 1 at Stanford
N. 8 at Washington State
N. 15 Oregon
N. 22 at USC

USC (11-2)

Los Angeles, CA
A. 30 at Auburn
S. 6 BYU
S. 13 Hawaii
S. 27 at California
O. 4 at Arizona State
O. 11 Stanford
O. 18 at Notre Dame
O. 25 at Washington
N. 1 Washington State
N. 15 at Arizona
N. 22 UCLA
D. 6 Oregon State

WASHINGTON (7-6)

Seattle, WA
A. 30 at Ohio State
S. 6 Indiana
S. 20 Idaho
S. 27 Stanford
O. 4 at UCLA
O. 11 Nevada
O. 18 at Oregon State
O. 25 USC
N. 1 Oregon
N. 8 at Arizona
N. 15 at California
N. 22 Washington State

WASHINGTON ST. (10-3)

Pullman, WA
A. 30 Idaho
S. 6 at Notre Dame
S. 13 at Colorado
S. 20 New Mexico
S. 27 at Oregon
O. 4 Arizona
O. 18 at Stanford
O. 25 Oregon State
N. 1 at USC
N. 8 UCLA
N. 15 Arizona State
N. 22 at Washington

SEC**ALABAMA (10-3)**

Tuscaloosa, AL
A. 30 #South Florida
S. 6 Oklahoma
S. 13 Kentucky
S. 20 Northern Illinois
S. 27 Arkansas
O. 4 at Georgia
O. 11 Southern Miss
O. 18 at Ole Miss
O. 25 Tennessee
N. 8 at Mississippi State
N. 15 LSU
N. 22 at Auburn
N. 29 at Hawaii
#Birmingham, AL

ARKANSAS (9-5)

Fayetteville, AR
S. 6 Tulsa
S. 13 at Texas
S. 20 #North Texas
S. 27 at Alabama
O. 11 Auburn
O. 18 Florida
O. 25 at Ole Miss
N. 1 at Kentucky
N. 8 #South Carolina
N. 15 New Mexico State
N. 22 Mississippi State
N. 29 at LSU
#Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (9-4)

Auburn, AL
A. 30 USC
S. 6 at Georgia Tech
S. 13 at Vanderbilt
S. 27 Western Kentucky
O. 4 Tennessee
O. 11 at Arkansas
O. 18 Mississippi State
O. 25 at LSU
N. 1 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 8 Ole Miss
N. 15 at Georgia
N. 22 Alabama

FLORIDA (8-5)

Gainesville, FL
A. 30 San Jose State
S. 6 at Miami
S. 13 Florida A&M
S. 20 Tennessee
S. 27 at Kentucky
O. 4 Ole Miss
O. 11 at LSU
O. 18 at Arkansas
N. 1 #Georgia
N. 8 Vanderbilt
N. 15 at South Carolina
N. 29 Florida State
#Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA (13-1)

Athens, GA
A. 30 at Clemson
S. 6 Middle Tennessee
S. 13 South Carolina
S. 20 at LSU
O. 4 Alabama
O. 11 at Tennessee
O. 18 at Vanderbilt
O. 25 UAB
N. 1 #Florida
N. 15 Auburn
N. 22 Kentucky
N. 29 at Georgia Tech
#Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (7-5)

Lexington, KY
A. 30 Louisville
S. 6 Murray State
S. 13 at Alabama
S. 20 at Indiana
S. 27 Florida
O. 11 at South Carolina
O. 18 Ohio
O. 25 Mississippi State
N. 1 Arkansas
N. 15 at Vanderbilt
N. 22 at Georgia
N. 29 Tennessee

LSU (8-5)

Baton Rouge, LA
A. 30 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 6 at Arizona
S. 13 Western Illinois
S. 20 Georgia
S. 27 at Mississippi State
O. 11 Florida
O. 18 at South Carolina
O. 25 Auburn
N. 1 Louisiana Tech
N. 15 at Alabama
N. 22 at Ole Miss
N. 29 Arkansas

MISSISSIPPI STATE (3-9)

Starkville, MS
A. 30 Oregon
S. 13 at Tulane
S. 20 at Houston
S. 27 LSU
O. 4 Vanderbilt
O. 11 Memphis
O. 18 at Kentucky
N. 8 Alabama
N. 15 at Tennessee
N. 22 at Arkansas
N. 29 Ole Miss

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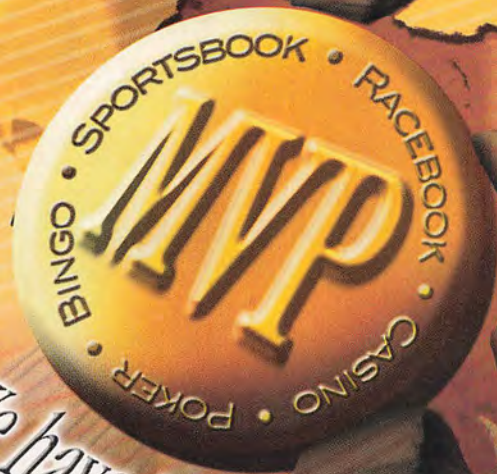
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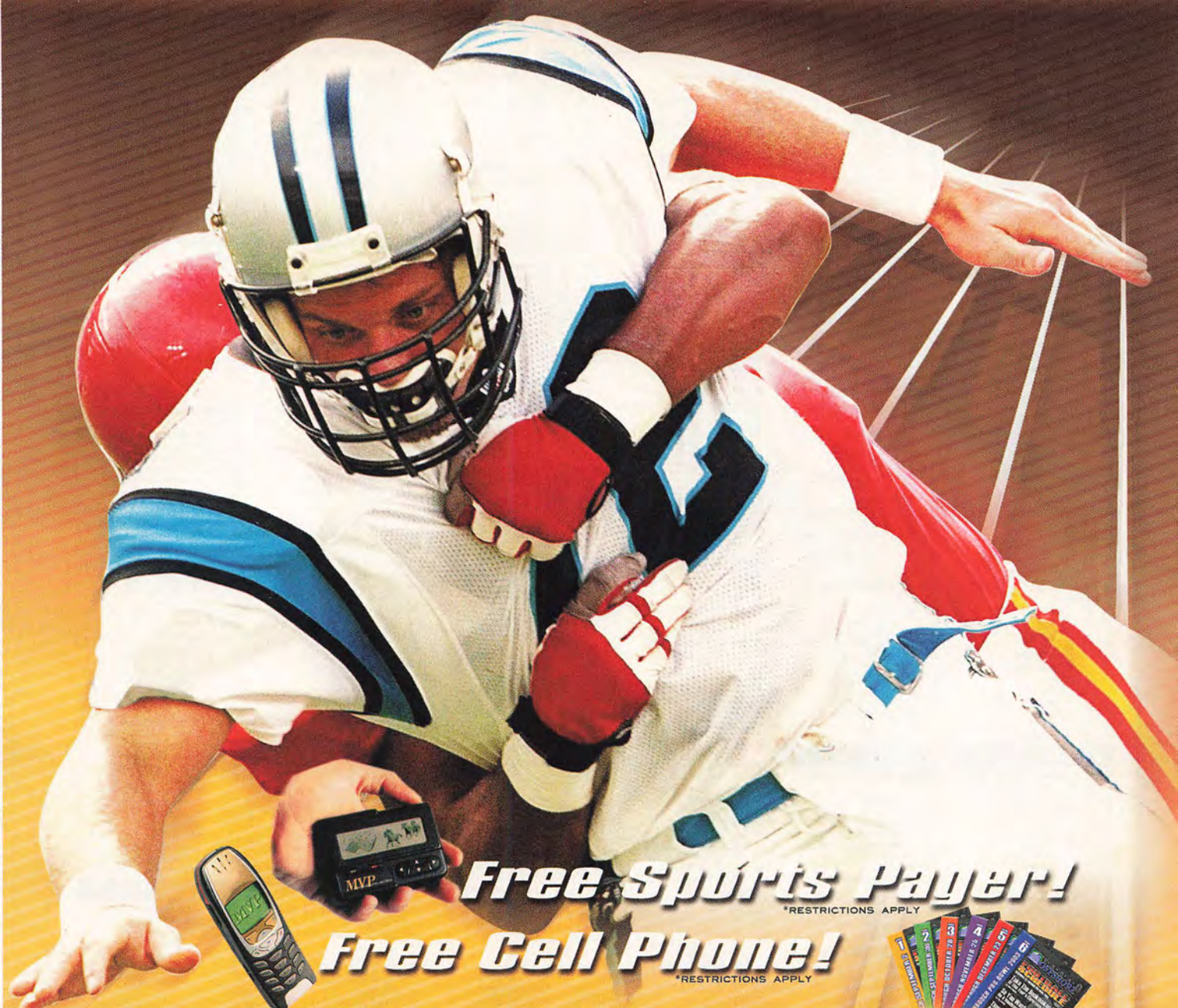


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OLE MISS (7-6)

Oxford, MS
 A. 30 at Vanderbilt
 S. 6 at Memphis
 S. 13 Louisiana-Monroe
 S. 27 Texas Tech
 O. 4 at Florida
 O. 11 Arkansas State
 O. 18 Alabama
 O. 25 Arkansas
 N. 1 South Carolina
 N. 8 at Auburn
 N. 22 LSU
 N. 27 at Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (5-7)

Columbia, SC
 A. 30 Louisiana-Lafayette
 S. 6 Virginia
 S. 13 at Georgia
 S. 20 UAB
 S. 27 at Tennessee
 O. 11 Kentucky
 O. 18 LSU
 O. 25 Vanderbilt
 N. 1 at Ole Miss
 N. 8 #Arkansas
 N. 15 Florida
 N. 22 Clemson
 #Little Rock, AR

TENNESSEE (8-5)

Knoxville, TN
 A. 30 Fresno State
 S. 6 Marshall
 S. 20 at Florida
 S. 27 South Carolina
 O. 4 at Auburn
 O. 11 Georgia
 O. 25 at Alabama
 N. 1 Duke
 N. 8 at Miami
 N. 15 Mississippi State
 N. 22 Vanderbilt
 N. 29 at Kentucky

VANDERBILT (2-10)

Nashville, TN
 A. 30 Ole Miss
 S. 6 Chattanooga
 S. 13 Auburn
 S. 20 at TCU
 S. 27 Georgia Tech
 O. 4 at Mississippi State
 O. 11 Navy
 O. 18 Georgia
 O. 25 at South Carolina
 N. 8 at Florida
 N. 15 Kentucky
 N. 22 at Tennessee

SUN BELT**ARKANSAS STATE (6-7)**

Jonesboro, AR
 A. 30 at Texas A&M
 S. 6 Tennessee-Martin
 S. 13 SE Missouri State
 S. 20 at Tulsa
 S. 27 at Memphis
 O. 4 #Louisiana-Monroe
 O. 11 at Ole Miss
 O. 25 at Utah State
 N. 1 at New Mexico State
 N. 8 Idaho
 N. 15 at North Texas
 N. 22 Middle Tennessee
 #Little Rock, AR

IDAHO (2-10)

Moscow, ID
 A. 30 at Washington State
 S. 6 Eastern Washington
 S. 13 Boise State
 S. 20 at Washington
 S. 27 at Montana
 O. 4 at New Mexico State
 O. 11 North Texas
 O. 18 Middle Tennessee
 O. 25 at Louisiana-Lafayette
 N. 8 at Arkansas State
 N. 15 at Louisiana-Monroe
 N. 22 Utah State

UL-LAFAYETTE (3-9)

Lafayette, LA
 A. 30 at South Carolina
 S. 6 Louisiana Tech
 S. 13 Houston
 S. 20 at Minnesota
 S. 27 at North Texas
 O. 4 at Oklahoma State
 O. 11 Louisiana-Monroe
 O. 18 New Mexico State
 O. 25 Idaho
 N. 1 at Southern Miss
 N. 8 Florida International
 N. 15 at Middle Tennessee

UL-MONROE (3-9)

Monroe, LA
 A. 30 at LSU
 S. 6 Stephen F. Austin
 S. 13 at Ole Miss
 S. 20 Northwestern State
 S. 27 at Utah State
 O. 4 #Arkansas State
 O. 11 at Louisiana-Lafayette
 O. 25 New Mexico State
 N. 1 at Auburn
 N. 8 North Texas
 N. 15 Idaho
 N. 22 at Troy State
 #Little Rock, AR

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (4-8)

Murfreesboro, TN
 A. 28 Florida Atlantic
 S. 6 at Georgia
 S. 13 at Clemson
 S. 20 at Missouri
 O. 4 Temple
 O. 11 New Mexico State
 O. 18 at Idaho
 O. 25 North Texas
 N. 1 at Utah State
 N. 8 Troy State
 N. 15 Louisiana-Lafayette
 N. 22 at Arkansas State

NEW MEXICO STATE (7-5)

Las Cruces, NM
 A. 30 at Texas
 S. 6 Western New Mexico
 S. 13 at Oregon State
 S. 27 at New Mexico
 O. 4 Idaho
 O. 11 at Middle Tennessee
 O. 18 at Louisiana-Lafayette
 O. 25 at Louisiana-Monroe
 N. 1 Arkansas State
 N. 8 Utah State
 N. 15 at Arkansas
 N. 22 North Texas

NORTH TEXAS (8-5)

Denton, TX
 A. 30 at Oklahoma
 S. 6 Baylor
 S. 13 at Air Force
 S. 20 #Arkansas
 S. 27 Louisiana-Lafayette
 O. 11 at Idaho
 O. 18 Utah State
 O. 25 at Middle Tennessee
 N. 1 Troy State
 N. 8 at Louisiana-Monroe
 N. 15 Arkansas State
 N. 22 at New Mexico State
 #Little Rock, AR

UTAH STATE (4-7)

Logan, UT
 A. 30 at Utah
 S. 6 at Nebraska
 S. 13 at Arizona State
 S. 27 Louisiana-Monroe
 O. 4 at New Mexico
 O. 11 Wyoming
 O. 18 at North Texas
 O. 25 Arkansas State
 N. 1 Middle Tennessee
 N. 8 at New Mexico State
 N. 15 Troy State
 N. 22 at Idaho

WAC**BOISE STATE (12-1)**

Boise, ID
 S. 6 Idaho State
 S. 13 at Idaho
 S. 20 at Oregon State
 S. 27 Wyoming
 O. 4 at Louisiana Tech
 O. 11 Tulsa
 O. 18 at SMU
 O. 25 San Jose State
 O. 31 at BYU
 N. 15 UTEP
 N. 22 at Fresno State
 N. 29 Nevada
 D. 6 at Hawaii

FRESNO STATE (9-5)

Fresno, CA
 A. 30 at Tennessee
 S. 6 Oregon State
 S. 13 at Oklahoma
 S. 20 Louisiana Tech
 S. 27 Portland State
 O. 4 at Colorado State
 O. 11 at Hawaii
 O. 25 Rice
 N. 1 at SMU
 N. 8 at Nevada
 N. 15 San Jose State
 N. 21 Boise State
 N. 29 at UTEP

HAWAII (10-4)

Honolulu, HI
 A. 30 Appalachian State
 S. 13 at USC
 S. 19 at UNLV
 S. 27 Rice
 O. 4 at Tulsa
 O. 11 Fresno State
 O. 18 at Louisiana Tech
 O. 25 UTEP
 N. 1 at San Jose State
 N. 15 at Nevada
 N. 22 Army
 N. 29 Alabama
 D. 6 Boise State

LOUISIANA TECH (4-8)

Ruston, LA
 A. 30 Miami
 S. 6 at Louisiana-Lafayette
 S. 13 at Michigan State
 S. 20 at Fresno State
 O. 4 Boise State
 O. 11 at UTEP
 O. 18 Hawaii
 O. 25 at Nevada
 N. 1 at LSU
 N. 8 SMU
 N. 15 at Tulsa
 N. 29 Rice

NEVADA (5-7)

Reno, NV
 A. 30 Southern Utah
 S. 6 at Oregon
 S. 18 at San Jose State
 S. 27 SMU
 O. 4 UNLV
 O. 11 at Washington
 O. 18 at Tulsa
 O. 25 Louisiana Tech
 N. 1 at Rice
 N. 8 Fresno State
 N. 15 Hawaii
 N. 29 at Boise State

RICE (4-7)

Houston, TX
 A. 30 at Houston
 S. 13 at Duke
 S. 20 Texas
 S. 27 at Hawaii
 O. 4 San Jose State
 O. 18 Navy
 O. 25 at Fresno State
 N. 1 Nevada
 N. 8 Tulsa
 N. 15 at SMU
 N. 22 UTEP
 N. 29 at Louisiana Tech

SAN JOSE STATE (6-7)

San Jose, CA
 A. 23 Grambling
 A. 30 at Florida
 S. 6 at Stanford
 S. 18 Nevada
 O. 4 at Rice
 O. 11 SMU
 O. 25 at Boise State
 N. 1 Hawaii
 N. 8 at UTEP
 N. 15 at Fresno State
 N. 22 Tulsa

SMU (3-9)

Dallas, TX
 A. 30 at Texas Tech
 S. 13 at Baylor
 S. 20 Oklahoma State
 S. 27 at Nevada
 O. 4 UTEP
 O. 11 at San Jose State
 O. 18 Boise State
 O. 25 at Tulsa
 N. 1 Fresno State
 N. 8 at Louisiana Tech
 N. 15 Rice
 N. 29 TCU

TULSA (1-11)

Tulsa, OK
 A. 30 at Minnesota
 S. 6 at Arkansas
 S. 13 SW Texas State
 S. 20 Arkansas State
 O. 4 Hawaii
 O. 11 at Boise State
 O. 18 Nevada
 O. 25 SMU
 N. 1 at UTEP
 N. 8 at Rice
 N. 15 Louisiana Tech
 N. 22 at San Jose State

UTEP (2-10)

El Paso, TX
 A. 30 at Arizona
 S. 6 Cal Poly
 S. 13 San Diego State
 S. 20 at Louisville
 S. 27 Sam Houston
 O. 4 at SMU
 O. 11 Louisiana Tech
 O. 25 at Hawaii
 N. 1 Tulsa
 N. 8 San Jose State
 N. 15 at Boise State
 N. 22 at Rice
 N. 29 Fresno State

I-A Independents**CONNECTICUT (6-6)**

Storrs, CT
 A. 30 Indiana
 S. 6 at Army
 S. 13 Boston College
 S. 20 at Buffalo
 S. 27 at Virginia Tech
 O. 4 Lehigh
 O. 11 at NC State
 O. 18 at Kent State
 O. 25 Akron
 N. 1 Western Michigan
 N. 8 Rutgers
 N. 15 at Wake Forest

NAVY (2-10)

Annapolis, MD
 A. 30 VMI
 S. 6 at TCU
 S. 20 Eastern Michigan
 S. 27 at Rutgers
 O. 4 #Air Force
 O. 11 at Vanderbilt
 O. 18 at Rice
 O. 25 Delaware
 N. 1 Tulane
 N. 8 at Notre Dame
 N. 22 Central Michigan
 D. 6 Army
 #Landover, MD
 % Philadelphia, PA

NOTRE DAME (10-3)

South Bend, IN
 S. 6 Washington State
 S. 13 at Michigan
 S. 27 Michigan State
 S. 27 at Purdue
 O. 11 at Pittsburgh
 O. 18 USC
 O. 25 at Boston College
 N. 1 Florida State
 N. 8 Navy
 N. 15 BYU
 N. 29 at Stanford
 D. 6 at Syracuse

TROY STATE (4-8)

Troy, AL
 A. 30 at Kansas State
 S. 6 at Minnesota
 S. 13 at UAB
 S. 20 Southeastern Louisiana
 S. 27 Marshall
 O. 4 at Nebraska
 O. 18 Florida International
 O. 25 at Virginia
 N. 1 at North Texas
 N. 8 at Middle Tennessee
 N. 15 at Utah State
 N. 22 Louisiana-Monroe

ATLANTIC 10**DELAWARE (6-6)**

Newark, DE
 S. 6 The Citadel
 S. 13 Richmond
 S. 20 West Chester
 S. 27 at Hofstra
 O. 4 William & Mary
 O. 11 at New Hampshire
 O. 18 Rhode Island
 O. 25 at Navy
 N. 1 Maine
 N. 8 at Northeastern
 N. 15 Massachusetts
 N. 22 at Villanova

HOFSTRA (6-6)

Hempstead, NY
 A. 30 at Marshall
 S. 6 Maine
 S. 13 Elon
 S. 20 at James Madison
 S. 27 Delaware
 O. 11 Northeastern
 O. 18 Massachusetts
 O. 25 New Hampshire
 N. 1 at William & Mary
 N. 8 Villanova
 N. 15 at Rhode Island
 N. 22 at Liberty

JAMES MADISON (5-7)

Harrisonburg, VA
 A. 30 Liberty
 S. 6 at Virginia Tech
 S. 20 Hofstra
 S. 27 at Massachusetts
 O. 4 at Villanova
 O. 11 Richmond
 O. 18 at William & Mary
 O. 25 at Maine
 N. 1 Rhode Island
 N. 8 at New Hampshire
 N. 15 Charleston Southern
 N. 22 Northeastern

MAINE (11-3)

Orono, ME
 A. 30 Montana
 S. 6 at Hofstra
 S. 13 Florida International
 S. 20 Massachusetts
 S. 27 at William & Mary
 O. 4 Richmond
 O. 18 at Northeastern
 O. 25 James Madison
 N. 1 at Delaware
 N. 15 Villanova
 N. 22 at New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS (8-4)

Amherst, MA
 S. 6 Central Connecticut State
 S. 13 at Kansas State
 S. 20 at Maine
 S. 27 James Madison
 O. 4 New Hampshire
 O. 11 at William & Mary
 O. 18 Hofstra
 O. 25 at Villanova
 N. 1 Northeastern
 N. 8 Richmond
 N. 15 at Delaware
 N. 22 Rhode Island

NEW HAMPSHIRE (3-8)

Durham, NH
 A. 30 Central Connecticut State
 S. 6 at Central Michigan
 S. 13 Villanova
 S. 20 at Rhode Island
 S. 27 Dartmouth
 O. 4 at Massachusetts
 O. 11 Delaware
 O. 18 at Richmond
 O. 25 at Hofstra
 N. 8 James Madison
 N. 15 at William & Mary
 N. 22 Maine

NORTHEASTERN (10-3)

Boston, MA
 A. 30 Stonehill
 S. 6 Albany
 S. 13 at Rhode Island
 N. 8 William & Mary
 S. 27 at Villanova
 O. 4 at Harvard
 O. 11 at Hofstra
 O. 18 Maine
 N. 1 at Massachusetts
 N. 8 Delaware
 N. 15 Richmond
 N. 22 at James Madison

RHODE ISLAND (3-9)

Kingston, RI
 S. 6 Fordham
 S. 13 Northeastern
 S. 20 New Hampshire
 S. 27 at Richmond
 O. 4 at Brown
 O. 11 Villanova
 O. 18 at Delaware
 O. 25 William & Mary
 N. 1 at James Madison
 N. 8 at Cincinnati
 N. 15 Hofstra
 N. 22 at Massachusetts

RICHMOND (4-7)

Richmond, VA
 S. 13 at Delaware
 S. 20 at Furman
 S. 27 Rhode Island
 O. 4 at Maine
 O. 11 at James Madison
 O. 18 New Hampshire
 O. 25 VMI
 N. 1 Villanova
 N. 8 at Massachusetts
 N. 15 at Northeastern
 N. 22 William & Mary

VILLANOVA (11-4)

Philadelphia, PA
 A. 28 Hampton
 S. 6 at Temple
 S. 13 at New Hampshire
 S. 27 Northeastern
 O. 4 James Madison
 O. 11 at Rhode Island
 O. 25 Massachusetts
 N. 1 at Richmond
 N. 8 at Hofstra
 N. 15 at Maine
 N. 22 Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY (6-5)

Williamsburg, VA
 S. 6 at Western Michigan
 S. 13 at VMI
 S. 20 at Northeastern
 S. 27 Maine
 O. 4 at Delaware
 O. 11 Massachusetts
 O. 18 James Madison
 O. 25 at Rhode Island
 N. 1 Hofstra
 N. 15 New Hampshire
 N. 22 at Richmond

BIG SKY**EASTERN WASHINGTON (2-5)**

Cheney, WA
 A. 30 at San Diego State
 S. 6 at Idaho
 S. 13 Central Washington
 S. 20 Southern Utah
 S. 27 Weber State
 O. 4 at Idaho State
 O. 11 Portland State
 O. 18 at Northern Arizona
 O. 25 at Sacramento State
 N. 8 Montana State
 N. 15 at Montana

IDAHO STATE (8-3)

Pocatello, ID
 A. 30 Montana-Western
 S. 6 at Boise State
 S. 13 Northern Colorado
 S. 27 at Sacramento State
 O. 4 Eastern Washington
 O. 11 at Montana State
 O. 18 Montana
 O. 25 at Weber State
 N. 1 Portland State
 N. 8 at Northern Arizona
 N. 15 at Cal Poly
 N. 22 Southern Utah

MONTANA (11-3)

Missoula, MT
 A. 30 at Maine
 S. 6 North Dakota State
 S. 13 Sam Houston State
 S. 27 Idaho
 O. 4 Cal Poly
 O. 11 Weber State
 O. 18 at Idaho State
 O. 25 Portland State
 N. 1 at Northern Arizona
 N. 8 at Sacramento State
 N. 15 Eastern Washington
 N. 22 at Montana State

MONTANA STATE (7-6)

Bozeman, MT
 A. 30 at Wyoming
 S. 6 Gardner-Webb
 S. 20 at Cal Poly
 S. 27 Northern Colorado
 O. 4 at St. Mary's
 O. 11 Idaho State
 O. 18 at Weber State
 O. 25 Northern Arizona
 N. 1 Sacramento State
 N. 8 at Eastern Washington
 N. 15 at Portland State
 N. 22 Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA (6-5)

Flagstaff, AZ
 A. 30 St. Mary's
 S. 6 at Arizona State
 S. 20 at Portland State
 S. 27 Cal Poly
 O. 4 at Weber State
 O. 11 at Sacramento State
 O. 18 Eastern Washington
 O. 25 at Montana State
 N. 1 Montana
 N. 8 Idaho State
 N. 15 at Sam Houston State

PORTLAND STATE (6-5)

Portland, OR
 S. 4 Texas A&M-Kingsville
 S. 13 Nicholls State
 S. 20 Northern Arizona
 S. 27 at Fresno State
 O. 4 at Stephen F. Austin
 O. 11 at Eastern Washington
 O. 18 Sacramento State
 O. 25 at Montana
 N. 1 at Idaho State
 N. 8 Weber State
 N. 15 Montana State

SACRAMENTO ST. (5-7)

Sacramento, CA
 A. 30 at Oregon State
 S. 6 St. Mary's
 S. 13 at Cal Poly
 S. 27 Idaho State
 O. 4 UC Davis
 O. 11 Northern Arizona
 O. 18 at Portland State
 O. 25 Eastern Washington
 N. 1 at Montana State
 N. 8 Montana
 N. 15 at Weber State

WEBER STATE (3-8)

Ogden, UT
 A. 30 Western State
 S. 6 Southern Utah
 S. 13 at Colorado State
 S. 20 Montana Tech
 S. 27 at Eastern Washington
 O. 4 Northern Arizona
 O. 11 at Montana
 O. 18 Montana State
 O. 25 Idaho State
 N. 8 at Portland State
 N. 15 Sacramento State
 N. 22 at St. Mary's

BIG SOUTH**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (4-8)**

Charleston, SC
 A. 30 at The Citadel
 S. 6 at Wingate
 S. 13 Presbyterian
 S. 20 West Virginia State
 S. 27 Tusculum
 O. 11 at VMI
 O. 25 at North Greenville
 N. 1 Liberty
 N. 8 at Gardner-Webb
 N. 15 at James Madison
 N. 22 Coastal Carolina

COASTAL CAROLINA (0-0)

Conway, SC
 S. 6 Newberry
 S. 13 Morehead State
 S. 20 at Jacksonville
 S. 25 at North Greenville
 O. 4 Gardner-Webb
 O. 11 Charleston (WV)
 O. 25 at Savannah State
 N. 1 VMI
 N. 8 at Davidson
 N. 15 at Liberty
 N. 22 at Charleston Southern

GARDNER-WEBB (9-1)

Boiling Springs, NC
 A. 30 Clark-Atlanta
 S. 6 at Montana State
 S. 13 Weber International
 S. 20 Chattanooga
 S. 27 Furman
 O. 4 at Coastal Carolina
 O. 11 Liberty
 O. 18 at VMI
 N. 1 at Florida Atlantic
 N. 8 Charleston Southern
 N. 15 Florida International
 N. 22 at Western Carolina

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A. 30 at James Madison
S. 6 at Toledo
S. 13 at Bowling Green
S. 27 Youngstown State
O. 4 VMI
O. 11 at Gardner-Webb
O. 18 at East Tennessee State
N. 1 at Charleston Southern
N. 15 Coastal Carolina
N. 22 Hofstra

VMI (6-6)

Lexington, VA
A. 30 at Navy
S. 6 at Davidson
S. 13 William & Mary
S. 20 Norfolk State
S. 27 Georgetown
O. 4 at Liberty
O. 11 Charleston Southern
O. 18 Gardner-Webb
O. 25 at Richmond
N. 1 at Coastal Carolina
N. 8 Austin Peay
N. 15 #The Citadel
#Charlotte, NC

GATEWAY**ILLINOIS STATE (6-5)**

Normal, IL
A. 28 Drake
S. 6 at Illinois
S. 13 Truman State
S. 20 at Eastern Illinois
S. 27 Florida Atlantic
O. 4 Northern Iowa
O. 11 at Southern Illinois
O. 18 Western Kentucky
O. 25 at Youngstown State
N. 1 Western Illinois
N. 8 at SW Missouri State
N. 15 Indiana State

INDIANA STATE (5-7)

Terre Haute, IN
A. 30 at Ball State
S. 6 Florida International
S. 13 at Indiana
S. 20 at Murray State
S. 27 Eastern Illinois
O. 4 Southern Illinois
O. 11 at Northern Iowa
O. 18 Youngstown State
O. 25 Western Kentucky
N. 1 at SW Missouri State
N. 8 Western Illinois
N. 15 at Illinois State

NORTHERN IOWA (5-6)

Cedar Falls, IA
A. 30 at Iowa State
S. 6 Northern Michigan
S. 18 at Stephen F. Austin
S. 27 Northwestern State
O. 4 at Illinois State
O. 11 Indiana State
O. 18 at SW Missouri State
O. 25 at Western Illinois
N. 1 Youngstown State
N. 8 at Western Kentucky
N. 15 Southern Illinois

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (4-8)

Carbondale, IL
A. 28 Quincy
S. 6 at SE Missouri
S. 13 Murray State
S. 27 St. Joseph's (IN)
O. 4 at Indiana State
O. 11 Illinois State
O. 18 at Western Illinois
O. 25 SW Missouri State
N. 1 at Western Kentucky
N. 8 Youngstown State
N. 15 at Northern Iowa

SW MISSOURI STATE (4-7)

Springfield, MO
A. 28 East Central (OK)
S. 13 at Oklahoma State
S. 20 at SE Missouri
O. 4 at Youngstown State
O. 11 at Western Kentucky
O. 18 Northern Iowa
O. 25 at Southern Illinois
N. 1 Indiana State
N. 8 Illinois State
N. 15 at Western Illinois

WESTERN ILLINOIS (11-2)

Macomb, IL
A. 28 Wayne State
S. 4 at Eastern Michigan
S. 13 at LSU
S. 20 Tennessee-Martin
O. 11 at Western Kentucky
O. 18 Southern Illinois
O. 25 Northern Iowa
N. 1 at Illinois State
N. 8 at Indiana State
N. 15 SW Missouri State

WESTERN KENTUCKY (12-3)

Bowling Green, KY
A. 28 Union (KY)
S. 6 West Virginia Tech
S. 20 Eastern Kentucky
S. 27 at Auburn
O. 4 at Western Illinois
O. 11 SW Missouri State
O. 18 at Illinois State
O. 25 at Indiana State
N. 1 Southern Illinois
N. 8 Northern Iowa
N. 15 at Youngstown State

YOUNGSTOWN ST. (7-4)

Youngstown, OH
A. 28 Edinboro
S. 6 Slippery Rock
S. 13 at Kent State
S. 20 Florida Atlantic
S. 27 at Liberty
O. 4 SW Missouri State
O. 11 Western Illinois
O. 18 at Indiana State
O. 25 Illinois State
N. 1 at Northern Iowa
N. 8 at Southern Illinois
N. 15 Western Kentucky

IVY**BROWN (2-8)**

Providence, RI
S. 20 at Albany
S. 27 at Harvard
O. 4 Rhode Island
O. 11 Fordham
O. 18 Princeton
O. 25 at Cornell
N. 1 Penn
N. 8 at Yale
N. 15 Dartmouth
N. 22 at Columbia

COLUMBIA (1-9)

New York, NY
S. 20 at Fordham
S. 27 Bucknell
O. 4 at Princeton
O. 11 at Lafayette
O. 18 Penn
O. 25 at Dartmouth
N. 1 Yale
N. 8 Harvard
N. 15 at Cornell
N. 22 Brown

CORNELL (4-6)

Ithaca, NY
S. 20 Bucknell
S. 27 at Yale
O. 4 Colgate
O. 11 Harvard
O. 18 Georgetown
O. 25 Brown
N. 1 at Princeton
N. 8 at Dartmouth
N. 15 Columbia
N. 22 at Penn

DARTMOUTH (3-7)

Hanover, NH
S. 20 Colgate
S. 27 at New Hampshire
O. 4 Penn
O. 11 at Yale
O. 18 at Holy Cross
O. 25 Columbia
N. 1 at Harvard
N. 8 Cornell
N. 15 at Brown
N. 22 Princeton

HARVARD (7-3)

Cambridge, MA
S. 20 at Holy Cross
S. 27 Brown
O. 4 Northeastern
O. 11 at Cornell
O. 18 Lafayette
O. 25 Princeton
N. 1 Dartmouth
N. 8 at Columbia
N. 15 Penn
N. 22 at Yale

PENN (9-1)

Philadelphia, PA
S. 20 Duquesne
S. 27 at Lehigh
O. 4 at Dartmouth
O. 11 Bucknell
O. 18 at Columbia
O. 25 Yale
N. 1 at Brown
N. 8 Princeton
N. 15 at Harvard
N. 22 Cornell

PRINCETON (6-4)

Princeton, NJ
S. 20 Lehigh
S. 27 at Lafayette
O. 4 Columbia
O. 11 Colgate
O. 18 at Brown
O. 25 at Harvard
N. 1 Cornell
N. 8 at Penn
N. 15 Yale
N. 22 at Dartmouth

YALE (6-4)

New Haven, CT
S. 20 Towson
S. 27 Cornell
O. 4 at Holy Cross
O. 11 Dartmouth
O. 18 at Colgate
O. 25 at Penn
N. 1 at Columbia
N. 8 Brown
N. 15 at Princeton
N. 22 Harvard

MAAC**DUQUESNE (11-1)**

Pittsburgh, PA
A. 30 at Bucknell
S. 13 Butler
S. 20 at Penn
S. 27 La Salle
O. 4 Siena
O. 11 at Iona
O. 18 St. Peter's
N. 1 at Morehead State
N. 8 at Marist
N. 15 Robert Morris

IONA (5-6)

New Rochelle, NY
S. 6 at Siena
S. 13 Wagner
S. 27 at Montclair State
O. 4 at Monmouth
O. 11 Duquesne
O. 18 Marist
O. 25 Sacred Heart
N. 1 at La Salle
N. 8 at St. Peter's
N. 15 Stony Brook

LA SALLE (2-9)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 Rowan
S. 6 at Wagner
S. 19 at College of New Jersey
S. 27 at Duquesne
O. 4 St. Francis (PA)
O. 11 at Marist
O. 18 Catholic
O. 25 Monmouth
N. 1 Iona
N. 8 at Siena
N. 15 St. Peter's

MARIST (7-4)

Poughkeepsie, NY
S. 6 at Lafayette
S. 20 Siena
S. 27 at Wagner
O. 4 at Sacred Heart
O. 11 La Salle
O. 18 at Iona
O. 25 at San Diego
N. 8 Duquesne
N. 15 Central Connecticut State

SIENA (3-7)

Loudonville, NY
S. 6 Iona
S. 13 at Stony Brook
S. 20 at Marist
S. 27 Central Connecticut State
O. 4 at Duquesne
O. 11 Sacred Heart
O. 18 Wagner
O. 25 St. Peter's
N. 8 La Salle
N. 15 at Florida Atlantic

ST. PETER'S (6-5)

Jersey City, NJ
A. 30 Sacred Heart
S. 6 at Monmouth
S. 20 Robert Morris
O. 4 at Albany
O. 18 at Duquesne
O. 25 at Siena
N. 8 Iona
N. 15 at La Salle

MEAC**BETHUNE-COOKMAN (11-2)**

Daytona Beach, FL
A. 30 #Savannah State
S. 20 at Florida International
S. 27 at Norfolk State
O. 4 Morgan State
O. 11 at Delaware State
O. 18 South Carolina State
N. 1 North Carolina A&T
N. 8 Hampton
N. 15 at Howard
N. 22 #Florida A&M
#Jacksonville, FL
#Orlando, FL

DELAWARE STATE (4-8)

Dover, DE
S. 6 Bucknell
S. 13 at Northwestern State
S. 20 North Carolina Central
S. 27 at Florida A&M
O. 4 at Hampton
O. 11 Bethune-Cookman
O. 25 Morgan State
N. 1 at South Carolina State
N. 8 at North Carolina A&T
N. 15 Norfolk State
N. 22 Howard

FLORIDA A&M (7-5)

Tallahassee, FL
A. 30 #Alabama State
S. 6 at Massachusetts
S. 13 Albany
S. 20 #Tennessee State
S. 27 Delaware State
O. 4 #Jackson State
O. 11 at Howard
O. 18 at North Carolina A&T
O. 25 Norfolk State
N. 1 at Hampton
N. 15 at South Carolina State
N. 22 #Bethune-Cookman

HAMPTON (7-5)

Hampton, VA
A. 28 at Villanova
S. 13 at Howard
S. 20 #Tuskegee
S. 27 #Morgan State
N. 4 Delaware State
O. 18 at Norfolk State
O. 25 South Carolina State
N. 1 Florida A&M
N. 8 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 15 at North Carolina A&T
N. 22 Savannah State
#Cincinnati, OH
#East Rutherford, NJ

HOWARD (6-5)

Washington, DC
S. 6 at Texas Southern
S. 13 Hampton
S. 20 at Akron
S. 27 at Savannah State
O. 11 Florida A&M
O. 18 at Morgan State
O. 25 at North Carolina A&T
N. 1 at Norfolk State
N. 8 South Carolina State
N. 15 Bethune-Cookman
N. 22 at Delaware State

MORGAN STATE (7-5)

Baltimore, MD
A. 30 Towson
S. 6 at Florida A&M
S. 13 South Carolina State
S. 27 #Hampton
N. 4 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 11 North Carolina A&T
O. 18 Howard
O. 25 at Delaware State
N. 1 at Savannah State
N. 8 Norfolk State
#E. Rutherford, NJ

NC A&T (4-8)

Greensboro, NC
A. 30 #North Carolina Central
S. 6 at Jackson State
S. 13 #Southern
S. 27 at Elon
O. 4 at Norfolk State
O. 11 at Morgan State
O. 18 Florida A&M
O. 25 Howard
N. 1 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 8 Delaware State
N. 15 Hampton
N. 22 at South Carolina State
#Raleigh, NC
#Las Vegas, NV

NORFOLK STATE (5-6)

Norfolk, VA
A. 30 Virginia State
S. 13 Savannah State
S. 20 at VMI
S. 27 Bethune-Cookman
O. 4 North Carolina A&T
O. 11 at South Carolina State
O. 18 Hampton
O. 25 at Florida A&M
N. 1 Howard
N. 8 at Morgan State
N. 15 at Delaware State

SC STATE (7-5)

Orangeburg, SC
A. 30 at Tennessee State
S. 6 Wofford
S. 13 at Morgan State
S. 20 #Savannah State
S. 27 at Benedict (SC)
O. 11 Norfolk State
O. 18 at Bethune-Cookman
O. 25 at Hampton
N. 1 Delaware State
N. 8 at Howard
N. 15 Florida A&M
N. 22 North Carolina A&T
#Charleston, SC

NORTHEAST**ALBANY (8-4)**

Albany, NY
S. 6 at Northeastern
S. 13 at Central Connecticut St.
S. 20 Brown
S. 27 Sacred Heart
O. 4 St. Peter's
O. 11 at St. Francis (PA)
O. 18 at Monmouth
O. 25 Stony Brook
N. 1 at Wagner
N. 8 Robert Morris
N. 15 at Towson

CENTRAL CONN. ST. (5-6)

New Britain, CT
A. 30 at New Hampshire
S. 6 at Massachusetts
S. 13 Albany
S. 20 Sacred Heart
S. 27 at Siena
O. 4 at Wagner
O. 11 Robert Morris
O. 25 at St. Francis (PA)
N. 1 Monmouth
N. 8 at Stony Brook
N. 15 at Marist

MONMOUTH (2-8)

W. Long Branch, NJ
S. 6 St. Peter's
S. 13 Robert Morris
S. 20 at Georgetown
S. 27 at Stony Brook
O. 4 Iona
O. 11 Wagner
O. 18 Albany
O. 25 at La Salle
N. 1 at Central Connecticut St.
N. 8 at Sacred Heart
N. 15 at St. Francis (PA)

ROBERT MORRIS (3-7)

Corapolis, PA
S. 6 at Buffalo State
S. 13 at Monmouth
S. 20 at St. Peter's
S. 27 St. Francis (PA)
O. 4 Stony Brook
O. 11 at Central Connecticut St.
O. 18 Sacred Heart
O. 25 Wagner
N. 8 at Albany
N. 15 at Duquesne

SACRED HEART (7-3)

Fairfield, CT
A. 30 at St. Peter's
S. 13 St. Francis (PA)
S. 20 at Central Connecticut St.
S. 27 at Albany
O. 4 Marist
O. 11 at Siena
O. 18 at Robert Morris
O. 25 at Iona
N. 1 Stony Brook
N. 8 Monmouth
N. 15 at Wagner

ST. FRANCIS (PA) (2-8)

Loretto, PA
S. 6 Gannon
S. 13 at Sacred Heart
S. 20 at Valparaiso
S. 27 at Robert Morris
O. 4 at La Salle
O. 11 Albany
O. 18 at Stony Brook
O. 25 Central Connecticut State
N. 8 at Wagner
N. 15 Monmouth

STONY BROOK (8-2)

Stony Brook, NY
S. 13 Siena
S. 20 Wagner
S. 27 Monmouth
O. 4 at Robert Morris
O. 11 at Georgetown
O. 18 St. Francis (PA)
O. 25 at Albany
N. 1 at Sacred Heart
N. 8 Central Connecticut State
N. 15 at Iona

WAGNER (7-4)

Staten Island, NY
S. 6 La Salle
S. 13 at Iona
S. 20 at Stony Brook
S. 27 Marist
O. 4 Central Connecticut State
O. 11 at Monmouth
O. 18 at Siena
O. 25 at Robert Morris
N. 1 Albany
N. 8 St. Francis (PA)
N. 15 Sacred Heart

OHIO VALLEY**EASTERN ILLINOIS (8-4)**

Charleston, IL
S. 13 at Missouri
S. 20 Illinois State
S. 27 at Indiana State
O. 4 at SE Missouri
O. 11 Eastern Kentucky
O. 18 at Murray State
O. 25 Tennessee-Martin
N. 1 at Tennessee State
N. 8 Tennessee Tech
N. 15 at Jacksonville State
N. 22 Samford

EASTERN KENTUCKY (8-4)

Richmond, KY
A. 28 at Bowling Green
S. 6 Appalachian State
S. 13 at Central Michigan
S. 20 at Western Kentucky
S. 27 at Jacksonville State
O. 4 Samford
O. 11 at Eastern Illinois
O. 18 SE Missouri
N. 1 at Murray State
N. 8 Tennessee-Martin
N. 15 at Tennessee State
N. 22 Tennessee Tech

JACKSONVILLE ST. (5-6)

Jacksonville, AL
A. 30 at Alabama A&M
S. 13 North Alabama
S. 21 at Kansas
S. 27 Eastern Kentucky
O. 4 at Murray State
O. 11 Tennessee-Martin
O. 18 at Tennessee State
O. 25 Tennessee Tech
N. 8 at Samford
N. 15 Eastern Illinois
N. 22 at SE Missouri

MURRAY STATE (7-5)

Murray, KY
A. 30 Valparaiso
S. 6 at Kentucky
S. 13 at Southern Illinois
S. 20 Indiana State
S. 27 at Tennessee Tech
O. 4 Jacksonville State
O. 11 at Samford
O. 18 Eastern Illinois
O. 25 at SE Missouri
N. 1 Eastern Kentucky
N. 13 Tennessee-Martin
N. 22 Tennessee State

SAMFORD (4-7)

Birmingham, AL
A. 28 at Chattanooga
S. 4 West Alabama
S. 20 at San Diego State
S. 27 SE Missouri
O. 4 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 11 Murray State
O. 18 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 25 Tennessee State
N. 1 at Tennessee Tech
N. 8 Jacksonville State
N. 22 at Eastern Illinois

SE MISSOURI (8-4)

Cape Girardeau, MO
A. 28 at Ohio
S. 6 Southern Illinois
S. 13 at Arkansas State
S. 20 SW Missouri State
S. 27 at Samford
O. 4 Eastern Illinois
O. 18 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 25 Murray State
N. 1 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 8 Tennessee State
N. 13 at Tennessee Tech
N. 22 Jacksonville State

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2-10)

Martin, TN
A. 28 Austin Peay
S. 6 at Arkansas State
S. 11 East Tennessee State
S. 20 at Western Illinois
S. 27 at Tennessee State
O. 4 Tennessee Tech
O. 11 at Jacksonville State
O. 18 Samford
O. 25 at Eastern Illinois
N. 1 SE Missouri
N. 8 at Eastern Kentucky
N. 13 Murray State

TENNESSEE STATE (2-10)

Nashville, TN
A. 30 South Carolina State
S. 6 at Alabama A&M
S. 13 #Jackson State
S. 20 #Florida A&M
S. 27 Tennessee-Martin
O. 11 at Tennessee Tech
O. 18 Jacksonville State
O. 25 at Samford
N. 1 Eastern Illinois
N. 8 at SE Missouri
N. 15 Eastern Kentucky
N. 22 at Murray State
#Memphis, TN
#Atlanta, GA

TENNESSEE TECH (5-7)

Cookeville, TN
A. 30 at Memphis
S. 6 at Northern Illinois
S. 13 at Chattanooga
S. 27 Murray State
O. 4 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 11 Tennessee State
O. 25 at Jacksonville State
N. 1 Samford
N. 8 at Eastern Illinois
N. 15 SE Missouri
N. 22 at Eastern Kentucky

PATRIOT**BUCKNELL (2-9)**

Lewisburg, PA
A. 30 Duquesne
S. 6 at Delaware State
S. 20 at Cornell
S. 27 at Columbia
O. 4 at Fordham
O. 11 at Penn
O. 18 Towson
O. 25 at Colgate
N. 1 Holy Cross
N. 8 at Lafayette
N. 15 Lehigh
N. 22 Georgetown

COLGATE (9-3)

Hamilton, NY
S. 6 at Georgetown
S. 13 at Buffalo
S. 20 at Dartmouth
S. 27 Towson
O. 4 at Cornell
O. 11 at Princeton
O. 18 Yale
O. 25 Bucknell
N. 1 at Lafayette
N. 8 Lehigh
N. 15 Fordham
N. 22 at Holy Cross

FORDHAM (10-3)

Bronx, NY
A. 30 C.W. Post
S. 6 at Rhode Island
S. 13 at Lehigh
S. 20 Columbia
O. 4 Bucknell
O. 11 at Brown
O. 18 New Haven
O. 25 at Lafayette
N. 1 Georgetown
N. 8 Holy Cross
N. 15 at Colgate
N. 22 at Towson

GEORGETOWN (5-6)

Washington, DC
S. 6 Colgate
S. 13 at Holy Cross
S. 20 Monmouth
S. 27 at VMI
O. 4 at Lafayette
O. 11 Stony Brook
O. 18 at Cornell
O. 25 Lehigh
N. 1 at Fordham
N. 8 Towson
N. 15 Davidson
N. 22 at Bucknell

HOLY CROSS (4-8)

Worcester, MA
S. 6 at Lehigh
S. 13 Georgetown
S. 20 Harvard
S. 27 at San Diego
O. 4 Yale
O. 11 at Towson
O. 18 Dartmouth
O. 25 at Florida International
N. 1 at Bucknell
N. 8 at Fordham
N. 15 Lafayette
N. 22 Colgate

LAFAYETTE (7-5)

Easton, PA
S. 6 Mariet
S. 13 at Towson
S. 27 Princeton
O. 4 Georgetown
O. 11 Columbia
O. 18 at Harvard
O. 25 Fordham
N. 1 Colgate
N. 8 Bucknell
N. 15 at Holy Cross
N. 22 at Lehigh

LEHIGH (8-4)

Bethlehem, PA
S. 6 Holy Cross
S. 13 Fordham
S. 20 at Princeton
S. 27 Penn
O. 4 at Connecticut
O. 11 St. Mary's
O. 25 at Georgetown
N. 1 Towson
N. 8 at Colgate
N. 15 at Bucknell
N. 22 Lafayette

TOWSON (6-5)

Towson, MD
A. 30 at Morgan State
S. 6 Lock Haven
S. 13 Lafayette
S. 20 at Yale
S. 27 at Colgate
O. 11 Holy Cross
O. 18 at Bucknell
O. 25 Elon
N. 1 at Lehigh
N. 8 at Georgetown
N. 15 Albany
N. 22 Fordham

PIONEER**AUSTIN PEAY (7-5)**

Clarksville, TN
A. 28 at Tennessee-Martin
S. 6 Campbellsville
S. 13 Valparaiso
S. 20 at Dayton
S. 27 Kentucky Wesleyan
O. 4 Butler
O. 11 at Morehead State
O. 18 Jacksonville
O. 25 at Davidson
N. 1 St. Joseph's (IN)
N. 8 at VMI

BUTLER (4-6)

Indianapolis, IN
S. 6 at Tiffin
S. 13 at Duquesne
S. 20 Davidson
S. 27 at Wisconsin-Stevens Point
O. 4 at Austin Peay
O. 11 St. Francis (IN)
O. 18 at Drake
O. 25 Dayton
N. 1 at San Diego
N. 8 Valparaiso
N. 15 St. Joseph's (IN)

DAVIDSON (7-3)

Davidson, NC
S. 6 VMI
S. 13 San Diego
S. 20 at Butler
S. 27 at Emory & Henry
O. 4 Dayton
O. 11 at Jacksonville
O. 19 at Morehead State
O. 25 Austin Peay
N. 8 Coastal Carolina
N. 15 at Georgetown

DAYTON (11-1)

Dayton, OH
A. 28 St. Joseph's (IN)
S. 6 at Morehead State
S. 20 Austin Peay
O. 4 at Davidson
O. 11 Valparaiso
O. 18 Tiffin
O. 25 at Butler
N. 1 at Drake
N. 8 San Diego

DRAKE (5-5)

Des Moines, IA
A. 25 at Illinois State
S. 13 Missouri-Rolla
S. 20 at Wisconsin-Platteville
S. 27 at Morehead State
O. 4 Jacksonville
O. 11 at San Diego
O. 18 Butler
O. 25 at Valparaiso
N. 1 Dayton
N. 8 St. Mary's
N. 15 Waldorf

JACKSONVILLE (3-7)

Jacksonville, FL
S. 6 at Lenoir-Rhyne
S. 13 Wingate
S. 20 Coastal Carolina
S. 27 Valparaiso
O. 4 at Drake
O. 11 Davidson
O. 18 at Austin Peay
O. 25 Morehead State
O. 30 at Florida International
N. 8 at SE Louisiana
N. 15 Webber International

MOREHEAD STATE (9-3)

Morehead, KY
S. 6 Dayton
S. 13 at Coastal Carolina
S. 20 at Appalachian State
S. 27 Drake
O. 4 at Valparaiso
O. 11 Austin Peay
O. 19 Davidson
O. 25 at Jacksonville
N. 1 Duquesne

SAN DIEGO (5-5)

San Diego, CA
S. 6 Azusa Pacific
S. 13 at Davidson
S. 20 La Verne
S. 27 Holy Cross
O. 4 Southern Oregon
O. 11 Drake
O. 18 Valparaiso
O. 25 Marist
N. 1 Butler
N. 8 at Dayton

VALPARAISO (1-10)

Valparaiso, IN
A. 30 at Murray State
S. 6 Wisconsin-Lutheran
S. 13 at Austin Peay
S. 20 St. Francis (PA)
S. 27 at Jacksonville
O. 4 Morehead State
O. 11 at Dayton
O. 18 at San Diego
O. 25 Drake
N. 8 at Butler
N. 15 at Aurora

SOUTHERN**APPALACHIAN STATE (8-4)**

Boone, NC
A. 30 at Hawaii
S. 6 at Eastern Kentucky
S. 20 Morehead State
S. 27 at The Citadel
O. 4 East Tennessee State
O. 11 at Furman
O. 18 Georgia Southern
O. 25 at Wofford
N. 1 Chattanooga
N. 8 at Elon
N. 15 Western Carolina

CHATTANOOGA (2-10)

Chattanooga, TN
A. 28 Samford
S. 6 at Vanderbilt
S. 13 Tennessee Tech
S. 20 at Gardner-Webb
S. 27 at Georgia Southern
O. 4 Wofford
O. 18 at Elon
O. 25 Western Carolina
N. 1 at Appalachian State
N. 8 The Citadel
N. 15 at East Tennessee State
N. 22 Furman

EAST TENN. STATE (4-8)

Johnson City, TN
A. 28 at Eastern Michigan
S. 4 Concord
S. 11 at Tennessee-Martin
S. 20 at Elon
S. 27 Western Carolina
O. 4 at Appalachian State
O. 18 Liberty
O. 25 at Furman
N. 1 Georgia Southern
N. 8 at Wofford
N. 15 Chattanooga
N. 22 The Citadel

ELON (4-7)

Elon, NC
A. 30 at Furman
S. 6 Tusculum
S. 13 at Hofstra
S. 20 East Tennessee State
S. 27 North Carolina A&T
O. 4 at The Citadel
O. 11 at Wofford
O. 18 Chattanooga
O. 25 at Towson
N. 1 at Western Carolina
N. 8 Appalachian State
N. 15 Georgia Southern

FURMAN (8-4)

Furman, SC
A. 30 Elon
S. 6 at Clemson
S. 20 Richmond
S. 27 at Gardner-Webb
O. 4 at Western Carolina
O. 11 Appalachian State
O. 18 at The Citadel
O. 25 East Tennessee State
N. 8 Georgia Southern
N. 15 Wofford
N. 22 at Chattanooga

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (11-3)

Statesboro, GA
S. 6 Savannah State
S. 13 at McNeese State
S. 20 at Wofford
S. 27 Chattanooga
O. 4 Florida International
O. 11 Western Carolina
O. 18 at Appalachian State
O. 25 The Citadel
N. 1 at East Tennessee State
N. 8 Furman
N. 15 at Elon

THE CITADEL (3-9)

Charleston, SC
A. 30 Charleston Southern
S. 6 at Delaware
S. 13 at Maryland
S. 20 at Western Carolina
S. 27 Appalachian State
O. 4 Elon
O. 18 Furman
O. 25 at Georgia Southern
N. 1 Wofford
N. 8 at Chattanooga
N. 15 #VMI
N. 22 at East Tennessee State
#Charlotte, NC

WESTERN CAROLINA (5-6)

Cullowhee, NC
A. 30 at NC State
S. 6 at Duke
S. 13 Johnson C. Smith
S. 20 The Citadel
S. 27 at East Tennessee State
O. 4 Furman
O. 11 at Georgia Southern
O. 18 Wofford
O. 25 at Chattanooga
N. 1 Elon
N. 15 at Appalachian State
N. 22 Gardner-Webb

WOFFORD (9-3)

Spartanburg, SC
A. 30 at Air Force
S. 6 at South Carolina State
S. 20 Georgia Southern
S. 27 Catawba
O. 4 Chattanooga
O. 11 Elon
O. 18 at Western Carolina
O. 25 Appalachian State
N. 1 at The Citadel
N. 8 East Tennessee State
N. 15 at Furman

SOUTHLAND**MCNEESE STATE (13-2)**

Lake Charles, LA
A. 30 Henderson State
S. 6 at Kansas State
S. 13 Georgia Southern
S. 20 at Grambling
O. 4 at SE Louisiana
O. 18 at Southern Utah
O. 25 Sam Houston State
N. 1 at SW Texas State
N. 8 Stephen F. Austin
N. 15 Northwestern State
N. 22 at Nicholls State

NICHOLLS STATE (7-4)

Thibodaux, LA
A. 28 Bethel College
S. 6 at South Florida
S. 13 at Portland State
S. 20 at Texas A&M-Kingsville
S. 27 Texas Southern
O. 11 at Florida Atlantic
O. 25 at Northwestern State
N. 1 Sam Houston State
N. 6 SW Texas State
N. 15 at Stephen F. Austin
N. 22 McNeese State

NORTHWESTERN STATE (9-4)

Natchitoches, LA
A. 30 Jackson State
S. 6 at Tulane
S. 13 Delaware State
S. 20 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 27 at Northern Iowa
O. 4 Oklahoma Panhandle St.
O. 11 SE Louisiana
O. 18 at SW Texas State
O. 25 Nicholls State
N. 8 at Sam Houston State
N. 15 at McNeese State
N. 22 Stephen F. Austin

SAM HOUSTON (4-7)

Huntsville, TX
S. 6 Midwestern State
S. 13 at Montana
S. 20 at Baylor
S. 27 at UTEP
O. 9 Tarleton State
O. 18 Stephen F. Austin
O. 25 at McNeese State
N. 1 at Nicholls State
N. 8 Northwestern State
N. 15 Northern Arizona
N. 22 at SW Texas State

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (6-5)

Nacogdoches, TX
S. 6 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 13 at Southern Utah
N. 8 at Alabama A&M
N. 22 Alcorn State
S. 27 Alcorn State
O. 4 Portland State
O. 18 at Florida International
O. 25 Sam Houston State
O. 25 SW Texas State
N. 8 at McNeese State
N. 15 Nicholls State
N. 22 at Northwestern State

SW TEXAS STATE (4-7)

San Marcos, TX
A. 30 at New Mexico
S. 6 Angelo State
S. 13 at Tulsa
S. 20 UC-Davis
S. 27 SE Louisiana
O. 4 at Florida Atlantic
O. 11 at Southern Utah
O. 18 Northwestern State
O. 25 at Stephen F. Austin
N. 1 McNeese State
N. 6 at Nicholls State
N. 22 Sam Houston State

SWAC**ALABAMA A&M (8-4)**

Alabama, AL
A. 30 Jacksonville State
S. 6 Tennessee State
S. 13 Grambling
S. 20 at Mississippi Valley State
S. 27 at Prairie View A&M
O. 4 Texas Southern
O. 11 at Southern
O. 18 Savannah State
O. 25 Alabama State
N. 8 Jackson State
N. 15 at Alcorn State
N. 22 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
#Shreveport, LA
#AUGUSTA, GA
#BIRMINGHAM, AL
#Normal, AL

ALABAMA STATE (6-6)

Montgomery, AL
A. 30 Florida A&M
S. 13 Alcorn State
S. 20 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 27 at Southern
O. 11 at Jackson State
O. 18 Prairie View A&M
O. 25 Alabama A&M
N. 8 Grambling
N. 15 at Mississippi Valley State
N. 22 at Texas Southern
N. 27 Tuskegee
#Detroit, MI
#Mobile, AL
#BIRMINGHAM, AL

ALCORN STATE (6-5)

Lorman, MS
A. 30 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 6 Grambling
S. 13 Alabama State
S. 27 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 4 at Fort Valley State
O. 11 Prairie View A&M
O. 18 at Texas Southern
O. 25 at Southern
N. 1 SE Louisiana
N. 8 Mississippi Valley State
N. 15 Alabama A&M
N. 22 at Jackson State
#Mobile, AL

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF (3-8)

Pine Bluff, AR
A. 30 Alcorn State
S. 6 Mississippi Valley State
S. 11 at Central Arkansas
S. 20 Alabama State
S. 27 Kentucky State
O. 4 at Southern
O. 11 Texas Southern
O. 18 Grambling
N. 1 at Jackson State
N. 6 Prairie View A&M
N. 22 Alabama A&M
#St. Louis, MO
#San Antonio, TX
#Normal, AL

GRAMBLING (11-2)

Grambling, LA
A. 23 at San Jose State
S. 6 at Alcorn State
S. 13 Alabama A&M
S. 20 McNeese State
O. 4 Prairie View A&M
O. 11 Mississippi Valley State
O. 18 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 25 at Jackson State
N. 1 Texas Southern
N. 8 at Alabama State
N. 15 Savannah State
N. 29 Southern
#Shreveport, LA
#Dallas, TX
#New Orleans, LA

JACKSON STATE (7-4)

Jackson, MS
A. 30 at Northwestern State
S. 6 North Carolina A&T
S. 13 Tennessee State
S. 20 at Texas Southern
S. 27 at Mississippi Valley State
O. 4 Florida A&M
O. 11 Alabama State
O. 18 Southern
O. 25 Grambling
N. 1 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 8 at Alabama A&M
N. 22 Alcorn State
#Memphis, TN
#Indianapolis, IN

MISS. VALLEY ST. (5-6)

Itta Bena, MS
A. 30 Southern
S. 6 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
S. 13 at Delta State
S. 20 Alabama A&M
S. 27 Jackson State
O. 11 at Grambling
O. 18 at Paul Quinn
O. 25 Texas Southern
N. 1 at Prairie View A&M
N. 8 at Alcorn State
N. 15 Alabama State

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1-10)

Prairie View, TX
A. 30 at Texas Southern
S. 6 at Southern
S. 13 Paul Quinn
S. 27 Alabama A&M
O. 4 Grambling
O. 11 at Alcorn State
O. 18 at Alabama State
O. 25 Texas College
N. 1 Mississippi Valley State
N. 8 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
N. 15 at SE Louisiana
#Dallas, TX
#San Antonio, TX

SOUTHERN (6-6)

Baton Rouge, LA
A. 30 at Mississippi Valley State
S. 6 Prairie View A&M
S. 13 North Carolina A&T
S. 27 Alabama State
O. 4 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 11 Alabama A&M
O. 18 at Jackson State
O. 25 Alcorn State
N. 8 Lincoln (MO)
N. 15 at Texas Southern
N. 29 Grambling
#Las Vegas, NV
#New Orleans, LA

TEXAS SOUTHERN (4-7)

Houston, TX
A. 30 Prairie View A&M
S. 6 Howard
S. 20 Jackson State
S. 27 at Nicholls State
O. 4 at Alabama A&M
O. 11 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
O. 18 Alcorn State
O. 25 at Mississippi Valley State
N. 1 at Grambling
N. 15 Southern
N. 22 Alabama State

I-AA Independents**CAL POLY (3-8)**

San Luis Obispo, CA
S. 6 at UTEP
S. 13 Sacramento State
S. 20 Montana State
S. 27 at Northern Arizona
O. 4 at Montana
O. 11 at Akron
O. 18 St. Mary's
N. 1 Southern Utah
N. 8 at UC Davis
N. 15 Idaho State
N. 22 Humboldt State

FLORIDA ATLANTIC (2-9)

Boca Raton, FL
A. 28 at Middle Tennessee St.
S. 6 Valdosta State
S. 13 at UCF
S. 20 at Youngstown State
S. 27 at Illinois State
O. 4 SW Texas State
O. 11 Nicholls State
O. 18 Northern Colorado
N. 1 Gardner-Webb
N. 15 Siena
N. 22 at Florida International

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL (5-6)

Miami, FL
S. 6 at Indiana State
S. 13 at Maine
S. 20 Bethune-Cookman
S. 27 Carson-Newman
O. 4 at Georgia Southern
O. 9 Stephen F. Austin
O. 18 at Troy State
O. 25 Holy Cross
O. 30 Jacksonville
O. 8 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 15 at Gardner-Webb
N. 22 Florida Atlantic

SAVANNAH STATE (1-9)

Savannah, GA
A. 30 Bethune-Cookman
S. 6 at Georgia Southern
S. 13 at Norfolk State
S. 20 South Carolina State
S. 27 Howard
O. 4 Albany State
O. 18 Alabama A&M
O. 25 Coastal Carolina
N. 1 Morgan State
N. 8 Edward Waters
N. 15 at Grambling
N. 22 at Hampton
#Jacksonville, FL
#Charleston, SC
#Augusta, GA

SOUTHERN UTAH (1-10)

Cedar City, UT
A. 30 at Nevada
S. 6 at Weber State
S. 13 Stephen F. Austin
S. 20 at Eastern Washington
O. 4 Western Oregon
O. 11 SW Texas State
O. 18 McNeese State
N. 1 at Cal Poly
N. 8 Northern Colorado
N. 15 at St. Mary's
N. 22 at Idaho State

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA (0-0)

Hammond, LA
A. 30 Arkansas-Monticello
S. 4 Lambuth
S. 13 at Henderson State
S. 20 at Troy State
S. 27 at SW Texas State
O. 4 McNeese State
O. 11 at Northwestern State
O. 18 Webber International
O. 25 at St. Mary's
N. 1 at Alcorn State
N. 8 Jacksonville
N. 15 Prairie View A&M

ST. MARY'S (6-6)

Morga, CA
A. 30 at Northern Arizona
S. 6 at Sacramento State
S. 13 Humboldt State
S. 27 at Western Washington
O. 4 Montana State
O. 11 at Lehigh
O. 18 at Cal Poly
O. 25 SE Louisiana
N. 1 UC Davis
N. 8 at Drake
N. 15 Southern Utah
N. 22 Weber State

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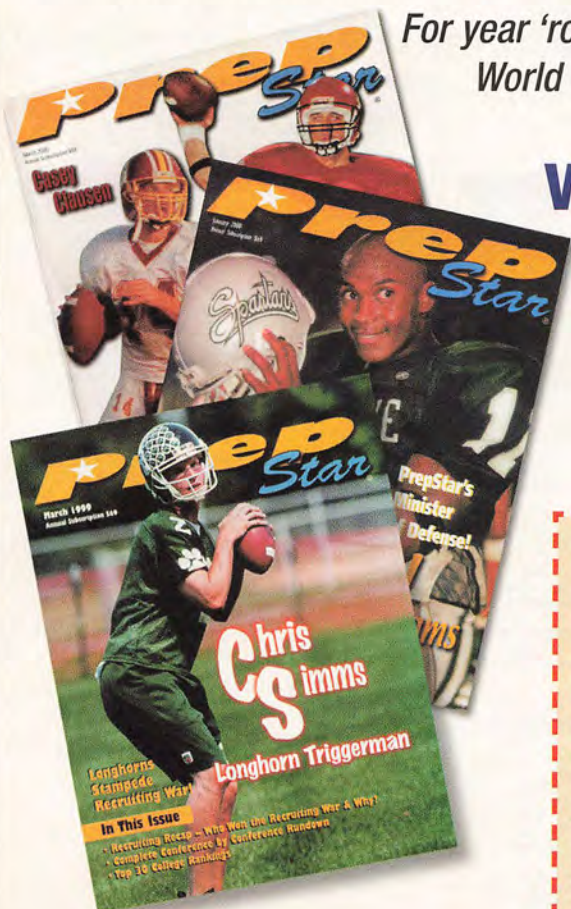
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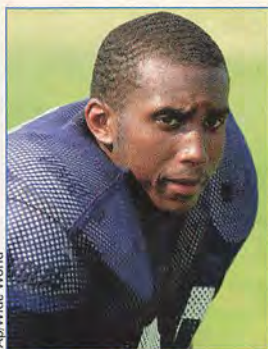
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Top 100 Freshmen of 2003

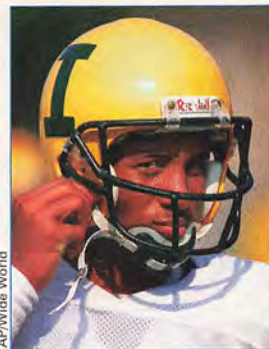
Player	POS.	HT.	WT.	Hometown	School	Player	POS.	HT.	WT.	Hometown	School
1. Kyle Wright	QB	6'4"	200	Danville, CA	Miami	51. David Patterson	DL	6'3"	260	Warrensville Heights, OH	Ohio State
2. Ernie Sims	LB	6'0"	220	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State	52. Carnell Stewart	DL	6'5"	285	River Ridge, LA	LSU
3. Reggie Bush	RB	6'0"	190	Spring Valley, CA	USC	53. Daryl Johnson	DB	6'2"	195	New Orleans, LA	LSU
4. Tony Hills Jr.	TE	6'6"	260	Houston, TX	Texas	54. Daniel Brooks	LB	6'3"	230	Jackson, TN	Tennessee
5. JaMarcus Russell	QB	6'5"	230	Mobile, AL	LSU	55. Bryan Pata	DL	6'4"	260	Miami, FL	Miami
6. Whitney Lewis	WR	6'1"	220	Oxnard, CA	USC	56. Quinton Culberson	DB	6'0"	210	Jackson, MS	Mississippi State
7. Prescott Burgess	DB	6'4"	215	Warren, OH	Michigan	57. Amp Hill	WR	6'3"	190	Jacksonville, FL	LSU
8. Nate Robinson	DL	6'5"	315	Irvington, NJ	Miami	58. John Sullivan	OL	6'4"	280	Old Greenwich, CT	Notre Dame
9. Lamarr Woodley	LB	6'3"	250	Saginaw, MI	Michigan	59. Ryan Harris	OL	6'5"	255	St. Paul, MN	Notre Dame
10. Antonio Cromartie	DB	6'3"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State	60. Ian Yates Cunningham	OL	6'6"	309	Plano, TX	Virginia
11. Andre Caldwell	WR	6'2"	188	Tampa, FL	Florida	61. Tim Washington	DL	6'4"	245	Stafford, TX	LSU
12. Eric Young	OL	6'5"	270	Union, SC	Tennessee	62. Chauncey Washington	RB	6'1"	205	Torrance, CA	USC
13. Mike Jones	OL	6'5"	306	Oak Lawn, IL	Iowa	63. Victor Abiamiri	DL	6'5"	245	Randallstown, MD	Notre Dame
14. Jorrie Adams	OL	6'7"	275	Jasper, TX	Texas A&M	64. Justin Midgett	QB	6'3"	180	Punta Gorda, FL	Florida
15. Donte Whitner	DB	5'11"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State	65. Ryan Watson	DL	6'3"	285	La Place, LA	USC
16. Lawrence Dampier	DL	6'3"	280	Decatur, IL	Oklahoma	66. Justin Ostrowski	DL	6'5"	255	Portage, WI	Wisconsin
17. Greg Olsen	TE	6'6"	245	Wayne, NJ	Notre Dame	67. Barrington Edwards	RB	6'0"	205	Bowie, MD	LSU
18. Earl Everett	LB	6'2"	210	Webster, FL	Florida	68. Jayson Swain	WR	6'2"	205	Huntsville, AL	Tennessee
19. Chris Leak	QB	6'1"	205	Charlotte, NC	Florida	69. Dennis Dixon	QB	6'4"	181	San Leandro, CA	Oregon
20. Ofa Moheatau	OL	6'3"	320	Euless, TX	BYU	70. Dwayne Bowe	WR	6'4"	205	Miami, FL	LSU
21. Tarell Brown	DB	6'0"	180	Mesquite, TX	Texas	71. Akim Millington	OL	6'6"	300	Wheaton, IL	Oklahoma
22. Wesley Jefferson	LB	6'2"	231	Clinton, MD	Maryland	72. Mark Bradford	WR	6'2"	190	Los Angeles, CA	Stanford
23. Chad Jackson	WR	6'1"	200	Hoover, AL	Florida	73. Noah Whiteside	WR	6'0"	170	Greenville, SC	South Carolina
24. Kregg Lumpkin	RB	6'1"	200	Lithonia, GA	Georgia	74. Leon Hall	DB	6'0"	170	Vista, CA	Michigan
25. Michael Bush	QB	6'3"	230	Louisville, KY	Louisville	75. Fred Sparkman	LB	6'2"	215	Columbia, TN	North Carolina
26. Brandon Owens	DB	6'2"	195	Delray Beach, FL	Minnesota	76. Omarr Conner	QB	6'0"	205	Macon, MS	Mississippi State
27. Demetrice Webb	DB	5'11"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida	77. Reggie Nelson	DB	6'0"	185	Melbourne, FL	Florida
28. Jordy Lipsey	OL	6'3"	272	Longwood, FL	Virginia	78. Vernon Davis	TE	6'4"	225	Washington, DC	Maryland
29. Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	DL	6'3"	305	Duncanville, TX	Oklahoma State	79. Jake Long	OL	6'6"	290	Lampeer, MI	Michigan
30. Robert Lane	QB	6'3"	220	Monroe, LA	Ole Miss	80. Justin Warren	LB	6'3"	220	Tyler, TX	Texas A&M
31. Steve Smith	WR	6'1"	190	Canoga Park, CA	USC	81. Erik Hardeman	RB	6'1"	220	Pflugerville, TX	Texas
32. Robert Meachem	WR	6'3"	200	Tulsa, OK	Tennessee	82. Tim Crowder	DL	6'4"	235	Tyler, TX	Texas
33. Lawrence Jackson	DL	6'5"	250	Inglewood, CA	USC	83. Drew Radovich	OL	6'5"	280	Mission Viejo, CA	USC
34. Jarvis Moss	DL	6'7"	220	Denton, TX	Florida	84. Zeb McKinzey	OL	6'3"	290	Lilburn, GA	Georgia
35. Paul Oliver	DB	6'0"	185	Kennesaw, GA	Georgia	85. Andrew Bain	OL	6'4"	320	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami
36. Sean Bailey	WR	6'1"	170	Alpharetta, GA	Georgia	86. Doug Van Dyke	DL	6'4"	240	Marshall, MI	Purdue
37. Mario Williams	DL	6'6"	250	Richlands, NC	NC State	87. Brandon Maupin	DL	6'6"	270	West Chester, OH	Ohio State
38. Turk McBride	DL	6'4"	235	Camden, NJ	Tennessee	88. T.C. Ostrander	QB	6'3"	210	Atherton, CA	Stanford
39. Tyrone Moss	RB	5'10"	210	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami	89. Bill Foran	QB	6'1"	205	Dallas, TX	Purdue
40. Tony Cade	DB	6'2"	200	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma	90. Jerry Sevin	OL	6'4"	295	River Ridge, LA	LSU
41. Marcus Thomas	DL	6'4"	285	Jacksonville, FL	Florida	91. LeRon McClain	RB	6'1"	240	Northport, AL	Alabama
42. Kirston Pittman	DL	6'4"	245	Reserve, LA	LSU	92. Tom Zbikowski	DB	6'0"	185	Arlington Heights, IL	Notre Dame
43. Joe Thomas	OL	6'8"	260	Brookfield, WI	Wisconsin	93. Freddie Parrish	DB	6'1"	195	Redondo Beach, CA	Notre Dame
44. William Paul	DL	6'4"	252	Chesterfield, MO	Michigan	94. Tony Gonzales	DB	6'0"	187	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
45. Louis Irizarry	TE	6'5"	235	Youngstown, OH	Ohio State	95. Kyle Caldwell	DL	6'4"	260	Scottsdale, AZ	Arizona State
46. Tommy Grady	QB	6'6"	220	Huntington Beach, CA	Oklahoma	96. Sedrick Ellis	DL	6'2"	280	Chino, CA	USC
47. Joe Cohen	RB	6'2"	250	Melbourne, FL	Florida	97. James Presley	LB	6'2"	220	Milford, MI	Michigan
48. Chris Barrett	DL	6'5"	250	Tustin, CA	USC	98. Isaiah Thomas	DL	6'4"	305	Winston-Salem, NC	North Carolina
49. Robert Killebrew	LB	6'2"	210	Spring, TX	Texas	99. Sam Baker	OL	6'5"	315	Tustin, CA	USC
50. Dareus Hiley	DB	6'1"	180	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State	100. Demetris Summers	RB	6'1"	205	Lexington, SC	South Carolina



Tony Hills Jr., Texas



Ernie Sims, Florida State



Chris Leak, Florida

ACC Rankings

1. NC STATE
2. NORTH CAROLINA
3. FLORIDA STATE
4. VIRGINIA
5. MARYLAND

6. CLEMSON
7. GEORGIA TECH
8. WAKE FOREST
9. DUKE

1. Ernie Sims	LB	6'0"	220	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
2. Antonio Cromartie	DB	6'3"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State
3. Wesley Jefferson	LB	6'2"	231	Clinton, MD	Maryland
4. Jordy Lipsey	OL	6'3"	272	Longwood, FL	Virginia
5. Mario Williams	DL	6'6"	250	Richlands, NC	NC State
6. Ian-Yates Cunningham	OL	6'6"	309	Plano, TX	Virginia
7. Fred Sparkman	LB	6'2"	215	Columbia, TN	North Carolina
8. Vernon Davis	TE	6'4"	225	Washington, DC	Maryland
9. Isaiah Thomas	DL	6'4"	305	Winston-Salem, NC	North Carolina
10. Darrell Blackman	RB	6'1"	200	Williamsport, PA	NC State
11. Kenny Scott	DB	6'1"	175	Daytona Beach, FL	Georgia Tech
12. Rashaun Grant	RB	5'11"	190	Tampa, FL	Georgia Tech
13. DeCody Fagg	WR	6'3"	185	Quincy, FL	Florida State
14. Adarius Bowman	WR	6'4"	205	Chattanooga, TN	North Carolina
15. Maurice Nelson	DB	6'1"	205	Sumter, SC	Clemson
16. Philip Brown	DB	5'11"	190	Hampton, VA	Virginia
17. Jamesley Jean	TE	6'5"	220	Tampa, FL	NC State
18. Terry Hunter	DL	6'4"	245	Wendell, NC	North Carolina
19. Mike Mason	WR	6'0"	180	Rocky Mount, NC	North Carolina
20. Miguel Scott	DB	6'1"	180	Miami, FL	NC State

Big East Rankings

1. MIAMI
2. VIRGINIA TECH
3. BOSTON COLLEGE
4. WEST VIRGINIA

5. PITTSBURGH
6. SYRACUSE
7. RUTGERS
8. TEMPLE

1. Kyle Wright	QB	6'4"	200	Danville, CA	Miami
2. Nate Robinson	DL	6'5"	315	Irvington, NJ	Miami
3. Tyrone Moss	RB	5'10"	210	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami
4. Bryan Pata	DL	6'4"	260	Miami, FL	Miami
5. Andrew Bain	OL	6'4"	320	Pompano Beach, FL	Miami
6. Devin Hester	WR	5'11"	168	Riviera Beach, FL	Miami
7. Willie Cooper	DB	6'1"	190	St. Augustine, FL	Miami
8. Jon Beason	DB	6'1"	206	Miramar, FL	Miami
9. Vince Hall	LB	6'1"	240	Chesapeake, VA	Virginia Tech
10. Michael Hinton	DB	6'3"	200	Burlington, NC	Virginia Tech
11. Vegas Franklin	DL	6'3"	235	Reserve, LA	Miami
12. Tavares Gooden	LB	6'1"	220	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Miami
13. Xavier Adibi	LB	6'3"	215	Hampton, VA	Virginia Tech
14. Trey Kozlowski	TE	6'5"	240	Hinsdale, IL	Boston College
15. Chris Ellis	DL	6'4"	245	Hampton, VA	Virginia Tech
16. Gosder Cherilus	OL	6'7"	275	Somerville, MA	Boston College
17. Fernandez McDowell	DB	6'3"	200	Kenner, LA	West Virginia
18. Andre Callender	RB	5'11"	190	Roselle, NJ	Boston College
19. Tripp Carroll	OL	6'4"	290	Jacksonville, FL	Virginia Tech
20. Matt Welsh	OL	6'5"	280	Clifton, VA	Virginia Tech

Big Ten Rankings

1. MICHIGAN
2. OHIO STATE
3. ILLINOIS
4. PURDUE
5. WISCONSIN
6. IOWA

7. PENN STATE
8. MICHIGAN STATE
9. MINNESOTA
10. NORTHWESTERN
11. INDIANA

1. Prescott Burgess	DB	6'4"	215	Warren, OH	Michigan
2. Lamarr Woodley	LB	6'3"	250	Saginaw, MI	Michigan
3. Mike Jones	OL	6'5"	306	Oak Lawn, IL	Iowa
4. Donte Whitner	DB	5'11"	175	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
5. Brandon Owens	DB	6'2"	195	Delray Beach, FL	Minnesota
6. Joe Thomas	OL	6'8"	260	Brookfield, WI	Wisconsin
7. William Paul	DL	6'4"	252	Chesterfield, MO	Michigan
8. Louis Irizarry	TE	6'5"	235	Youngstown, OH	Ohio State
9. Dareus Hiley	DB	6'1"	180	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
10. David Patterson	DL	6'3"	260	Warrensville Heights, OH	Ohio State
11. Justin Ostrowski	DL	6'5"	255	Portage, WI	Wisconsin
12. Leon Hall	DB	6'1"	170	Vista, CA	Michigan
13. Jake Long	OL	6'6"	290	Lapeer, MI	Michigan
14. Doug Van Dyke	DL	6'4"	240	Marshall, MI	Purdue
15. Brandon Maupin	DL	6'6"	270	West Chester, OH	Ohio State
16. Bill Foran	QB	6'1"	205	Dallas, TX	Purdue
17. Tony Gonzales	DB	6'0"	187	Cleveland, OH	Ohio State
18. James Presley	LB	6'2"	220	Milford, MI	Michigan
19. Marcel Frost	DE	6'5"	235	Lyndhurst, OH	Ohio State
20. Austin Scott	RB	6'1"	205	Allentown, PA	Penn State

Big 12 Rankings

1. OKLAHOMA
2. TEXAS A&M
3. TEXAS
4. COLORADO
5. NEBRASKA
6. KANSAS STATE

7. OKLAHOMA STATE
8. TEXAS TECH
9. KANSAS
10. MISSOURI
11. IOWA STATE
12. BAYLOR

1. Tony Hills Jr.	TE	6'6"	260	Houston, TX	Texas
2. Jorrie Adams	OL	6'7"	275	Jasper, TX	Texas A&M
3. Lawrence Dampier	DL	6'3"	280	Decatur, IL	Oklahoma
4. Tarell Brown	DB	6'0"	180	Mesquite, TX	Texas
5. Xavier Lawson-Kennedy	DL	6'3"	305	Duncanville, TX	Oklahoma State
6. Tony Cade	DB	6'2"	200	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma
7. Tommy Grady	QB	6'6"	220	Huntington Beach, CA	Oklahoma
8. Robert Killebrew	LB	6'2"	210	Spring, TX	Texas
9. Akim Millington	OL	6'6"	300	Wheaton, IL	Oklahoma
10. Justin Warren	RB	6'3"	220	Tyler, TX	Texas A&M
11. Erik Hardeman	LB	6'1"	220	Pflugerville, TX	Texas
12. Tim Crowder	DL	6'4"	235	Tyler, TX	Texas
13. Demario Pleasant	LB	6'3"	210	Lewisville, TX	Oklahoma
14. Dominique Brooks	DB	6'2"	195	Mesquite, TX	Colorado
15. Joey Thomas	TE	6'6"	225	Austin, TX	Texas A&M
16. Billy Pittman	ATH	6'0"	180	Cameron, TX	Texas
17. Dane Zaslav	LB	6'2"	241	Edmond, OK	Oklahoma
18. Josh Mueller	TE	6'6"	250	Columbus, NE	Nebraska
19. Jason Jack	DL	6'3"	280	Humble, TX	Texas A&M
20. Tyrell Gatewood	WR	6'2"	190	Tyler, TX	Texas

Top 50 Recruiting Class of 2003

1. LSU	26. VIRGINIA TECH
2. USC	27. STANFORD
3. FLORIDA	28. OKLAHOMA STATE
4. MIAMI	29. ARIZONA STATE
5. OKLAHOMA	30. TEXAS TECH
6. GEORGIA	31. OREGON
7. NOTRE DAME	32. MARYLAND
8. TEXAS A&M	33. CLEMSON
9. TENNESSEE	34. OLE MISS
10. NC STATE	35. UCLA
11. AUBURN	36. ILLINOIS
12. TEXAS	37. PURDUE
13. MICHIGAN	38. ARIZONA
14. NORTH CAROLINA	39. ALABAMA
15. SOUTH CAROLINA	40. KANSAS
16. FLORIDA STATE	41. WISCONSIN
17. OHIO STATE	42. GEORGIA TECH
18. MISSISSIPPI STATE	43. BOSTON COLLEGE
19. VIRGINIA	44. MISSOURI
20. CALIFORNIA	45. IOWA
21. COLORADO	46. WEST VIRGINIA
22. WASHINGTON	47. LOUISVILLE
23. NEBRASKA	48. PITTSBURGH
24. KANSAS STATE	49. HOUSTON
25. ARKANSAS	50. WAKE FOREST

C-USA Rankings

1. LOUISVILLE	7. MEMPHIS
2. HOUSTON	8. TCU
3. UAB	9. CINCINNATI
4. TULANE	10. ARMY
5. SOUTHERN MISS	11. SOUTH FLORIDA
6. EAST CAROLINA	

1. Michael Bush	QB	6'3"	230	Louisville, KY	Louisville
2. B.J. Vickers	WR	6'3"	212	Los Angeles, CA	Louisville
3. James Battle	QB	6'1"	200	Denton, TX	TCU
4. Quintin Williams	LB	6'2"	225	Memphis, TN	Memphis
5. Antwan Giddens	WR	6'5"	190	Garden City, CA	Louisville
6. Chase McCoy	TE	6'4"	245	Tulsa, OK	Army
7. Terry Arnold	RB	5'10"	190	Tallahassee, FL	Cincinnati
8. Ricky Wilson	DB	5'10"	180	Port Arthur, TX	Houston
9. John Harrell	DL	6'2"	285	Stephenville, TX	Houston
10. Eddie Miller	QB	6'0"	195	Marina Del Ray, CA	Louisville
11. Anthony Alridge	RB	5'10"	165	Denton, TX	Houston
12. Davell Lauder	DL	6'3"	255	Houston, TX	Houston
13. Kevin Kolb	QB	6'3"	230	Stephenville, TX	Houston
14. Elijah Robinson	DL	6'3"	260	Camden, NJ	Tulane
15. Billy Harrison	DL	6'4"	220	Pensacola, FL	Tulane
16. Will Oliver	OL	6'3"	275	Lindale, TX	TCU
17. Richard Irvin	QB	6'2"	185	Santa Monica, CA	Tulane
18. Alton Widemon	DB	5'10"	175	Lindale, TX	Tulane
19. William Gay	DB	6'0"	175	Tallahassee, FL	Louisville
20. Thomas Miller	DB	6'3"	200	Palm Bay, FL	Louisville

MAC Rankings

1. UCF	8. CENTRAL MICHIGAN
2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS	9. AKRON
3. TOLEDO	10. OHIO
4. MARSHALL	11. KENT STATE
5. WESTERN MICHIGAN	12. BUFFALO
6. MIAMI	13. EASTERN MICHIGAN
7. BOWLING GREEN	14. BALL STATE

1. Mike Walker	WR	6'2"	182	Orlando, FL	UCF
2. Chris Narsesian	WR	6'0"	188	Oviedo, FL	UCF
3. Steven Moffett	QB	6'3"	190	Winter Park, FL	UCF
4. Scooter McDougale	RB	6'1"	220	E. Cleveland, OH	Toledo
5. Greg Owens	RB	5'10"	205	Chicago, IL	No. Illinois
6. Ron Williams	RB	6'0"	205	Boynton Beach, FL	UCF
7. Gregory Hutcherson	WR	6'3"	185	Vandergrift, PA	Bowling Green
8. Brandon Murphy	RB	5'8"	190	Strongsville, OH	Miami
9. Anthony Rogers	LB	6'1"	240	Saginaw, MI	C. Michigan
10. James Blair	DL	6'4"	320	Detroit, MI	W. Michigan
11. John Inman	OL	6'5"	310	Knoxville, TN	Marshall
12. Tyson DeVree	TE	6'6"	215	Hudsonville, MI	W. Michigan
13. Ron Ellis	CB	5'11"	173	Palm Bay, FL	UCF
14. John Ferguson	QB	6'6"	220	Reynoldsburg, OH	Akron
15. Cas Prime	RB	6'2"	215	Janesville, WI	No. Illinois
16. Josh Powell	TE	6'5"	240	Wyandotte, MI	Toledo
17. Renford Parkes	DB	5'11"	198	Titusville, FL	UCF
18. Jared Evans	OL	6'3"	290	Indianapolis, IN	Miami
19. Mike Merritt	TE	6'3"	244	West Palm Beach, FL	UCF
20. Taj Henley	LB	6'1"	203	Richmond, VA	OHIO

Mountain West Rankings

1. SAN DIEGO STATE	5. UNLV
2. BYU	6. NEW MEXICO
3. COLORADO STATE	7. WYOMING
4. UTAH	8. AIR FORCE

1. Ofa Mohetau	OL	6'3"	320	Eules, TX	BYU
2. Lynell Hamilton	RB	6'1"	215	Stockton, CA	San Diego State
3. Brian Soi	DL	6'4"	295	Provo, UT	BYU
4. John Nichols	LB	6'2"	210	Bellflower, CA	Colorado State
5. Lee Martin	LB	6'1"	200	Simi Valley, CA	San Diego State
6. Brett Martin	LB	6'0"	215	Corona, CA	San Diego State
7. Jonathan Harrell	WR	6'2"	200	Everman, TX	New Mexico
8. Jason Spredon	OL	6'5"	275	West Valley City, UT	BYU
9. Marcus Johnson	ATH	6'4"	220	Los Angeles, CA	UNLV
10. David Nixon	LB	6'3"	200	College Station, TX	BYU
11. Dallas Reynolds	OL	6'5"	310	Provo, UT	BYU
12. Kevin O'Connell	QB	6'6"	200	Carlsbad, CA	San Diego State
13. Antwan Applewhite	DL	6'3"	210	Torrance, CA	San Diego State
14. Tye Butler	QB	6'1"	190	Big Spring, TX	New Mexico
15. Charles Owens	OL	6'4"	275	Long Beach, CA	UNLV
16. Brett Swain	WR	6'1"	195	Carlsbad, CA	San Diego State
17. Reggie Ross	RB	5'11"	215	San Diego, CA	San Diego State
18. Jacob Doss	QB	6'2"	210	Lexington, KY	Wyoming
19. Jose Perez	WR	6'1"	170	Oceanside, CA	San Diego State
20. Marc Hull	LB	6'2"	185	Compton, CA	San Diego State

PAC-10 Rankings

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| 1. USC | 6. OREGON |
| 2. CALIFORNIA | 7. UCLA |
| 3. WASHINGTON | 8. ARIZONA |
| 4. STANFORD | 9. OREGON STATE |
| 5. ARIZONA STATE | 10. WASH. STATE |

1. Reggie Bush	RB	6'0"	190	Spring Valley, CA	USC
2. Whitney Lewis	WR	6'1"	220	Oxnard, CA	USC
3. Steve Smith	WR	6'1"	190	Canoga Park, CA	USC
4. Lawrence Jackson	DL	6'5"	250	Inglewood, CA	USC
5. Chris Barrett	DL	6'5"	250	Tustin, CA	USC
6. Chauncey Washington	RB	6'1"	205	Torrance, CA	USC
7. Ryan Watson	DL	6'3"	285	La Place, LA	USC
8. Dennis Dixon	QB	6'4"	181	San Leandro, CA	Oregon
9. Mark Bradford	WR	6'2"	190	Los Angeles, CA	Stanford
10. Drew Radovich	OL	6'5"	280	Mission Viejo, CA	USC
11. T.C. Ostrander	QB	6'3"	210	Atherton, CA	Stanford
12. Kyle Caldwell	DL	6'4"	260	Scottsdale, AZ	Arizona State
13. Sedrick Ellis	DL	6'2"	280	Chino, CA	USC
14. Sam Baker	OL	6'5"	315	Tustin, CA	USC
15. Maurice Drew	RB	5'8"	195	Concord, CA	UCLA
16. Ryan Gilliam	DB	5'9"	158	Tallahassee, FL	Oregon
17. Richard Kovalcheck	QB	6'3"	205	San Diego, CA	Arizona
18. Dennis Keyes	DB	6'2"	190	Van Nuys, CA	UCLA
19. Mike Affleck	QB	6'5"	228	Provo, UT	Arizona State
20. Junior Lamau'u	DL	6'3"	240	Long Beach, CA	UCLA

SEC Rankings

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| 1. LSU | 7. MISSISSIPPI STATE |
| 2. FLORIDA | 8. ARKANSAS |
| 3. GEORGIA | 9. OLE MISS |
| 4. TENNESSEE | 10. ALABAMA |
| 5. AUBURN | 11. VANDERBILT |
| 6. SOUTH CAROLINA | 12. KENTUCKY |

1. JaMarcus Russell	QB	6'5"	230	Mobile, AL	LSU
2. Andre Caldwell	WR	6'2"	188	Tampa, FL	Florida
3. Eric Young	OL	6'5"	270	Union, SC	Tennessee
4. Earl Everett	LB	6'2"	210	Webster, FL	Florida
5. Chris Leak	QB	6'0"	200	Charlotte, NC	Florida
6. Chad Jackson	WR	6'1"	200	Hoover, AL	Florida
7. Kregg Lumpkin	RB	6'1"	205	Lithonia, GA	Georgia
8. Demetric Webb	DB	5'11"	180	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
9. Robert Lane	QB	6'3"	220	Monroe, LA	Ole Miss
10. Robert Meachem	WR	6'3"	200	Tulsa, OK	Tennessee
11. Jarvis Moss	DE	6'7"	220	Denton, TX	Florida
12. Paul Oliver	DB	6'0"	185	Kennesaw, GA	Georgia
13. Sean Bailey	WR	6'1"	170	Alpharetta, GA	Georgia
14. Turk McBride	DL	6'4"	235	Camden, NJ	Tennessee
15. Marcus Thomas	DL	6'4"	285	Jacksonville, FL	Florida
16. Kirston Pittman	DL	6'4"	245	Reserve, LA	LSU
17. Joe Cohen	RB	6'2"	250	Melbourne, FL	Florida
18. Carnell Stewart	DL	6'5"	285	River Ridge, LA	LSU
19. Daryl Johnson	DB	6'2"	195	New Orleans, LA	LSU
20. Daniel Brooks	LB	6'3"	230	Jackson, TN	Tennessee

Sun Belt Rankings

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| 1. MIDDLE TENN. | 5. N.M. STATE |
| 2. NORTH TEXAS | 6. IDAHO |
| 3. UL-LAFAYETTE | 7. ARKANSAS STATE |
| 4. UL-MONROE | 8. UTAH STATE |

1. Jordan Jackson	DB	6'6"	200	Bunkie, LA	UL-Lafayette
2. Khayyam Burns	DB	6'0"	175	Fort Smith, AR	Arkansas State
3. Devin Williams	QB	6'4"	210	Arlington, TX	UL-Lafayette
4. Kenyon Buford	OL	6'6"	345	Murfreesboro, TN	Middle Tenn
5. Colin Whitney	TE	6'4"	225	Coeur D'Alene, ID	Idaho
6. Sean Mosley	LB	6'3"	245	Sylvania, GA	Middle Tenn
7. Taron Henry	WR	6'2"	187	Murfreesboro, TN	Middle Tenn
8. Akeem Anthony	RB	5'6"	160	Tacoma, WA	Idaho
9. Patrick Higgins	WR	6'0"	180	LaGrange, GA	Arkansas State
10. Alex Gottlieb	OL	6'4"	275	Valencia, CA	New Mexico State
11. Jarvis Edmonds	DL	6'5"	310	Bastrop, LA	UL-Monroe
12. Tyrone Hicks	DB	5'10"	175	Huntsville, AL	Middle Tenn
13. Allan Harrison	DB	6'2"	188	Big Lake, TX	North Texas
14. Dwight Summerville	DL	6'2"	280	Grenada, MS	UL-Monroe
15. Terry Jackson	RB	5'10"	185	Memphis, TN	Middle Tenn
16. Blake Burruss	TE	6'6"	235	Okla. City, OK	North Texas
17. Antoine Owens	LB	6'2"	215	Nashville, TN	Middle Tenn
18. T.J. Raymond	DL	6'2"	295	Grand Prairie, TX	North Texas
19. Jarod Naylor	DL	6'2"	270	Tulsa, OK	New Mexico State
20. Jonathan Ward	LB	6'1"	222	Collinwood, TN	Middle Tenn

WAC Rankings

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| 1. FRESNO STATE | 6. LOUISIANA TECH |
| 2. HAWAII | 7. NEVADA |
| 3. BOISE STATE | 8. TULSA |
| 4. SAN JOSE STATE | 9. RICE |
| 5. SMU | 10. UTEP |

1. Clifton Smith	DB	5'8"	165	Fresno, CA	Fresno State
2. Kentrell Gransberry	WR	6'8"	240	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana Tech
3. Gary Anderson Jr.	ATH	6'1"	190	Little Rock, AR	Rice
4. Damon Jenkins	DB	5'11"	180	Concord, CA	Fresno State
5. Brannon Jackson	LB	6'2"	220	Lake Charles, LA	Louisiana Tech
6. Thaddeus Williams	DL	6'3"	210	Independence, LA	Louisiana Tech
7. Joshua Muse	DL	6'4"	285	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana Tech
8. Derek Schouman	TE	6'2"	225	Eagle, ID	Boise State
9. Kermit Givens	RB	6'0"	195	New Orleans, LA	Louisiana Tech
10. Jeff Cavender	OL	6'2"	270	Elko, NV	Boise State
11. Jason Rivers	WR	6'2"	193	Waipahu, HI	Hawaii
12. Zach Hall	DL	6'3"	225	Irving, TX	SMU
13. Richuel Massey	RB	5'11"	210	Hillsboro, TX	SMU
14. Justin Boren	OL	6'4"	285	Grapevine, TX	SMU
15. Avery Cleveland	LB	6'3"	205	Austin, TX	SMU
16. Cory Muse	TE	6'3"	205	Oklahoma City, OK	SMU
17. Joey Sturdivant	DB	6'2"	190	Lilburn, GA	SMU
18. Timo Paepule	LB	6'0"	210	Hauula, HI	Hawaii
19. Dallas Bernstine	RB	5'10"	185	Vallejo, CA	Boise State
20. Roy Lewis	DB	5'11"	170	Los Angeles, CA	San Jose State

Top High School Seniors

Quarterbacks

Brian Brohm	6'4"	200	Louisville, KY
John David Booty	6'3"	180	Shreveport, LA
Nate Longshore	6'4"	215	Canyon, CA
Mike Teel	6'3"	205	Ramsey, NJ
Xavier Lee	6'4"	210	Daytona Beach, FL
Mike Vlahogorge	6'4"	220	Lafayette, IN
Chad Henne	6'3"	210	Wilson PA
Rob Florian	6'3"	210	Cincinnati, OH
Rocky Hinds	6'4"	207	Playa Del Ray, CA
Rhett Bomar	6'4"	205	Grand Prairie, TX
Anthony Morelli	6'4"	210	Pittsburgh, PA
Matt Tuiasosopo	6'2"	205	Woodinville, WA
Adam Thrash	6'5"	220	Little Rock, AR
Darren Mougey	6'4"	210	Scottsdale, AZ
Sean Norton	6'0"	170	Newhart, CA
Graham Harrell	6'0"	175	Ennis, TX
Early Doucet	6'2"	190	Martinville, LA
Ryan Walters	6'0"	195	Aurora, CO
Cornelius Ingram	6'5"	215	Hawthorne, FL
Stephen McGee	6'4"	200	Burnet, TX
Shane Kelly	6'4"	200	East Greenwich, RI
Alex Mortensen	6'2"	185	Fairburn, GA
Anthony Turner	6'3"	205	Dayton, OH
Brian Hoyer	6'3"	200	Cleveland, OH
Lee Bujakowski	6'3"	218	Hopewell, VA



Brian Brohm, QB, Louisville, Ky.

Running Backs

Delbert Ferguson	6'3"	215	Warren, OH
Terrell Jackson	5'9"	190	Corona, CA
Corey Smalls	5'11"	205	Summerville, SC
Jamal Floyd	5'11"	190	Claremont, CA
Patrick Gates	5'10"	75	San Diego, CA
Jakouri Williams	6'0"	200	Plaquemine, LA
Adrian Peterson	6'3"	205	Palestine, TX
Max Martin	6'1"	210	Madison, AL
Tony Temple	5'10"	195	Kansas City, MO
Fred Davis	6'4"	215	Toledo, OH
Darius Walker	5'11"	195	Buford, GA
Bobby Washington	6'1"	200	Miami, FL
Jackie Bates	5'10"	185	Concord, CA
Jay Lucas	6'2"	200	Baton Rouge, LA
Michael Gresham	5'8"	190	Clinton, OK
Mark Bonds	6'0"	208	Indianapolis, IN
Andrew Johnson	6'0"	205	Pittsburgh, PA
Henry Kirlew	5'11"	190	Orlando, FL
Greg Coleman	6'0"	205	Iowa City, IA
Jamario Thomas	5'9"	200	Longview, TX
Chauncey Campbell	5'8"	185	Converse, TX
Jacob Hester	6'1"	247	Shreveport, LA
Raymond Williams	6'0"	180	Cleveland, OH
Brock Bolen	5'11"	230	Germantown, OH
Andre Brown	6'1"	215	Greenville, NC

Wide Receivers

John Peel	6'1"	180	Scottsdale, AZ
Derrick Jones	6'1"	173	Long Beach, CA
Jordan Shipley	6'0"	170	Burnet, TX
Brandon Barrett	6'1"	180	Martinsburg, WV
Ryan Graves	5'9"	160	Pasadena, CA
Scott Raymond	6'5"	230	Kansas City, MO
Xavier Carter	6'3"	195	Melbourne, FL
Lavelle Hawkins	6'0"	165	Stockton, CA
Keith Best	6'4"	180	Eugene, OR
Chris Smith	6'4"	240	Allen, TX
Keauntea Bankhead	6'0"	200	Seattle, WA
Tony Burks	6'4"	195	Gulfport, MS
Corey Thompson	6'0"	180	Atlanta, GA
Trumain Smith	6'3"	210	Warrensburg, OH
Tremel Kline	6'3"	185	Battery Creek, SC
Jarvis Woodson	5'9"	180	Ennis, TX
John Williams	6'4"	230	Shreveport, LA
Adrian Arrington	6'3"	180	Cedar Rapids, IA
Kyle Jackson	6'3"	180	Neptune Beach, FL
Cameron Colvin	6'0"	185	Concord, CA
Zach Miller	6'5"	240	Phoenix, AZ
Fred Rogers	6'4"	200	Toledo, OH
Fred Strong	6'2"	190	Austin, TX
Calvin Johnson	6'4"	200	Tyrone, GA
Nikita Stover	6'2"	190	Hartselle, AL

Offensive Linemen

Tom Gagliardi	6'6"	315	Phoenix, AZ
Ray Feinga	6'5"	285	Salt Lake City, UT
Dan Gury	6'6"	285	Monarch, CO
Ryan Miller	6'6"	310	Lake Charles, LA
Adam Ulatoski	6'6"	270	South Lake, TX
Brandon Nicolas	6'5"	260	Santa Ana, CA
John Kadous	6'6"	310	Tucson, AZ
Jacob Hucko	6'8"	278	Cerritos, CA
Ryan Cantrell	6'4"	263	Sugar Land, TX
Kellen Heard	6'6"	325	Wharton, TX
Leon Hart	6'5"	292	Columbia, SC
Steve Rehiring	6'8"	320	West Chester, OH
Adam Alvidrez	6'3"	300	Lakewood, CA
Chase Clowser	6'8"	325	LaGrange, OH
Chilo Rachal	6'6"	310	Compton, CA
Glen Davis	6'8"	315	Baton Rouge, LA
Calvin Darity	6'4"	280	Tallahassee, FL
Jon Krohe	6'5"	280	Irwin, PA
Cedric Dockery	6'3"	300	Garland, TX
A.Q. Shipley	6'3"	278	Corapolis, PA
Nygel Pearson	6'6"	305	Darlington, SC
Corey Lambert	6'7"	300	Greenville, SC
Brian Abraham	6'6"	300	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Brandon Braxton	6'7"	295	Youngstown, OH
Walter Thomas	6'5"	320	Galveston, TX



Jordan Shipley, WR, Burnet, Texas

Defensive Linemen

Calais Campbell	6'8"	230	Denver, CO
Randy Faleto	6'2"	285	Honolulu, HI
Brett Helms	6'3"	300	Stuttgart, AR
Chris Long	6'4"	245	Charlottesville, VA
Matt Putman	6'7"	230	Brigham, UT
Brigham Harwell	6'3"	250	Los Altos, CA
Frank Okam	6'5"	320	Lake Highlands, TX
Shannon Tévaga	6'3"	285	La Mirada, CA
Aaron Fernandez	6'2"	260	Mesa, AZ
Dion Gales	6'4"	285	New Orleans, LA
Mack Frost	6'5"	235	Columbia, SC
Corey Davis	6'4"	260	Pittsburgh, PA
Xavier Mitchell	6'4"	242	Long Beach, MS
Demario Pressley	6'4"	290	Greensboro, NC
Charlie Johnson	6'3"	250	Hawkinsville, GA
Alvin Newhouse	6'3"	225	South Oak Cliff, TX
Glen Dorsey	6'3"	285	Gonzales, LA
Freddie Barnett	6'1"	283	Texarkana, AR
Demonte Bolden	6'5"	305	Chattanooga, TN
Eric McClendon	6'5"	288	Vidalia, GA
William Morrissey	6'2"	275	Silsbee, TX
Marque Hall	6'5"	305	Marshville, NC
Mike Massey	6'5"	235	Cleveland, OH
Antonio Dixon	6'4"	330	Miami, FL
Ryan Anderson	6'6"	265	Oak Creek, WI

Linebackers

Garrett Bliss	6'3"	230	Durango, CO
Sam Carson	6'1"	220	Downers Grove, IL
Dan Conner	6'2"	205	Wallingford, PA
Jed Collins	6'2"	247	Mission Viejo, CA
Matt Stoltz	6'3"	230	Little Rock, AR
Bryce Hardy	5'11"	225	Mountain View, AZ
Jai Thaxton	6'3"	215	Hart CO, GA
Keith Rivers	6'2"	220	Lake Mary, FL
Max Martin	6'2"	210	Madison, AL
Jonathan Crowe	6'1"	205	Oak Grove, LA
Brian Toal	6'2"	228	Ramsey, NJ
Jim Garren	6'1"	215	Lafayette, LA
Trenton Tuiasosopo	6'3"	225	Everett, WA
Rodney Gallon	6'1"	215	Tallahassee, FL
Michael Briggs	6'1"	215	Gastonia, NC
Marcus Freeman	6'2"	240	Huber Heights, OH
Tony Bell	6'1"	205	Alabaster, AL
Sekeli Faaeteete	6'1"	212	San Leandro, CA
Eugene Germany	6'3"	230	Pamona, CA
Tee Evans	6'4"	255	Travelers Rest, SC
James Bryant	6'3"	235	Reading, PA
Justin Britt	6'4"	250	Cullman, AL
Bruce Mompremier	6'0"	210	Miami, FL
Kyle Williams	6'2"	215	Bolingbrook, IL
Darrell Robertson	6'5"	215	Jonesboro, GA

Defensive Backs

Simeon Castille	6'1"	187	Birmingham, AL
Teddy Ginn	6'0"	170	Cleveland, OH
Antwain Carey	6'0"	200	Chesapeake, VA
Randy Estes	6'2"	200	Los Alamitos, CA
Terrell Jackson	5'9"	190	Puckett, MS
Jonte Manning	6'3"	205	Corsicana, TX
Lamar Lewis	5'8"	177	Jacksonville, FL
Willie Glasper	5'11"	175	Concord, CA
Dre Ratliff	5'10"	185	Whitehouse, OH
Keauntea Bankhead	6'0"	200	Seattle, WA
Craig Steltz	6'2"	195	New Orleans, LA
Rodney Van	6'0"	170	Long Beach, CA
Tremaine Vaughn	5'10"	170	Patterson, LA
Paul Crews	5'11"	172	Henderson, NC
Jerome Boyd	6'2"	200	Los Angeles, CA
Adam Gunn	6'3"	200	Vandergrift, PA
Bobby Buchanan	5'11"	180	Joliet, IL
Thomas Brown	5'11"	186	Tucker, GA
Brett Bowers	6'1"	190	Jacksonville, FL
William Lewis	6'1"	185	Baytown, TX
Nathan Jones	6'1"	180	Texarkana, TX
Mike Hamlin	6'2"	185	Lamar, SC
Courtney Grixby	5'10"	165	Omaha, NE
Jeff Brown	6'1"	185	Harbor City, CA
Morgan Trent	5'11"	175	Orchard Lake, MI

SIDELINES

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Jennifer Ashley Zuerner
University of North Carolina
Junior Business major from Charlotte, N.C.

Why did you choose UNC?

My parents and grandparents are UNC graduates.

What do you want to do after you finish school?

Corporate Investor

Anything else you want us to know about you?

Kappa Delta Sorority, Dean's List, Elementary School tutor

Most admired person outside your family?

Princess Diana



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Abby Rainbolt Texas Tech University Junior Biology major from Marble Falls, Texas

Why did you choose Texas Tech?

I always wanted to be a Texas Tech Cheerleader and I love the Red Raiders! I also wanted to stay in Texas, and Texas Tech is a great school.

What do you want to do after you finish school?

I plan on going to dental school and becoming an orthodontist.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy going to the lake in the summer, and wakeboarding is my passion. I also like working out and staying in shape. I love going shopping and spending time with friends.

Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

For the past two years I have been on the Texas Tech national competition squad and competed at NCA Nationals in Daytona, Florida. Last year we received fourth place, and this year we received fifth place. I received the Athletic Academic Award for the past two years, and I have a GPA of 3.5.

Most admired person outside of your family?

I would have to say my best friend. He is someone I admire because he is truly a genuine and compassionate person and a true friend. I am lucky to have such a great person in my life who cares about me as much as he does.

Who is your role model for your chosen profession?

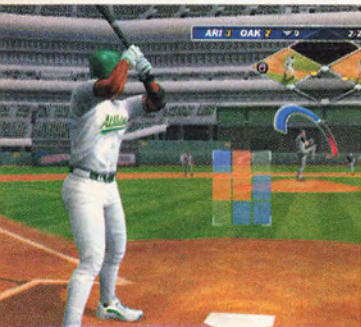
My orthodontist, Dr. Albert Owen, is my role model for wanting to be an orthodontist because I saw how much he loves working with people and I would love to do the same.

Prized possession and why?

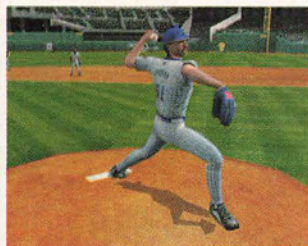
My prized possession would have to be my family. They have always been there for me and supported me in everything I have done. I wouldn't be where I am today if it wasn't for their love and support.



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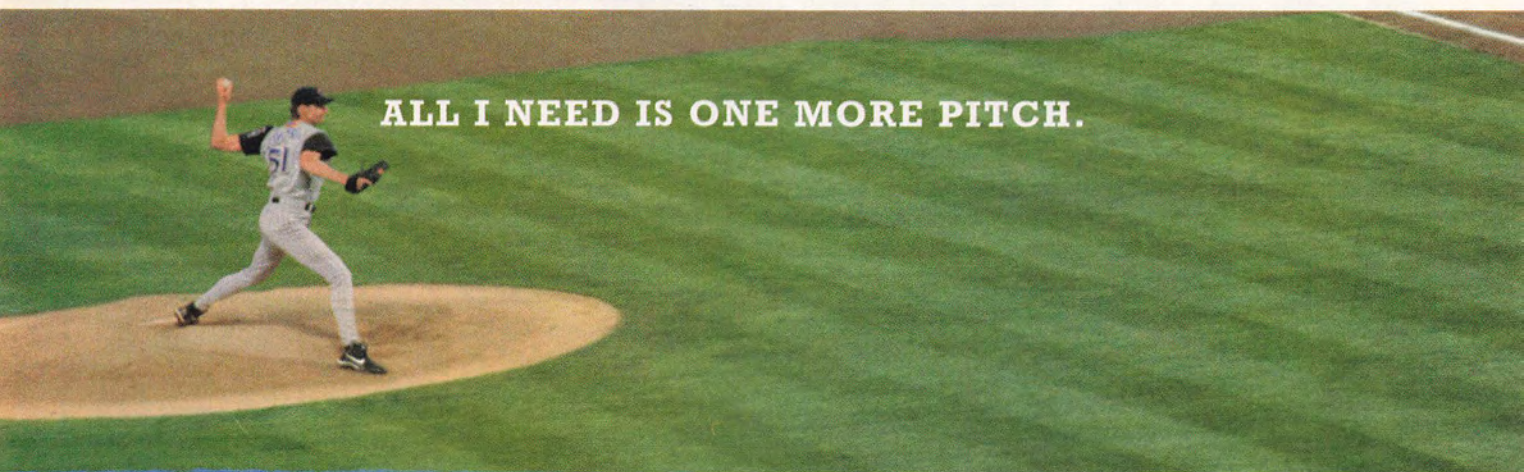


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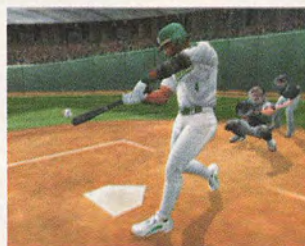
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Crissie Nolan
University of Florida

Senior International Economics major from Jacksonville, Fla.

Why did you choose Florida?

It is a good academic school and has a great sports program.

What do you want to do after you finish school?

I am going to apply to the FBI.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy going to the beach or the lake.

Who is your hero?

My hero would have to be my mom because after her divorce she worked hard to make sure I had a good life.

She also made sure I was able to go to college.



Alison Miska
University of Florida
Sophomore Microbiology and Cell Science major from Tampa, Fla.

Why did you choose Florida?

It's great academically and is close to the beach and my family.

What do you want to do after college?

Attend medical school.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Working out and spending time with my friends.

Who is your hero?

My heroes would be my parents.

They have been there to support and love me throughout my life. I consider myself so lucky to have them.



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Erin Duncomb
University of Wisconsin
Junior Marketing major from Eden
Prairie, Minn.

Why did you choose Wisconsin?

I like the big-school atmosphere and the incredible school spirit that is found at Wisconsin. Madison is a good school academically and at the same time a blast to attend. There are so many different things you can do, different experiences to have, and interesting people to meet.

What do you want to do after you finish school?

For a few years after graduation I would like work in the field of marketing in a large city. Eventually I would like to return to law school.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

I enjoy camping, swimming, running, volleyball — basically any outdoor recreational activity. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends.

Anything else you want to tell us about yourself?

I was a member of the 2003 University of Wisconsin Homecoming Court. I am a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

Most admired person outside of your family?

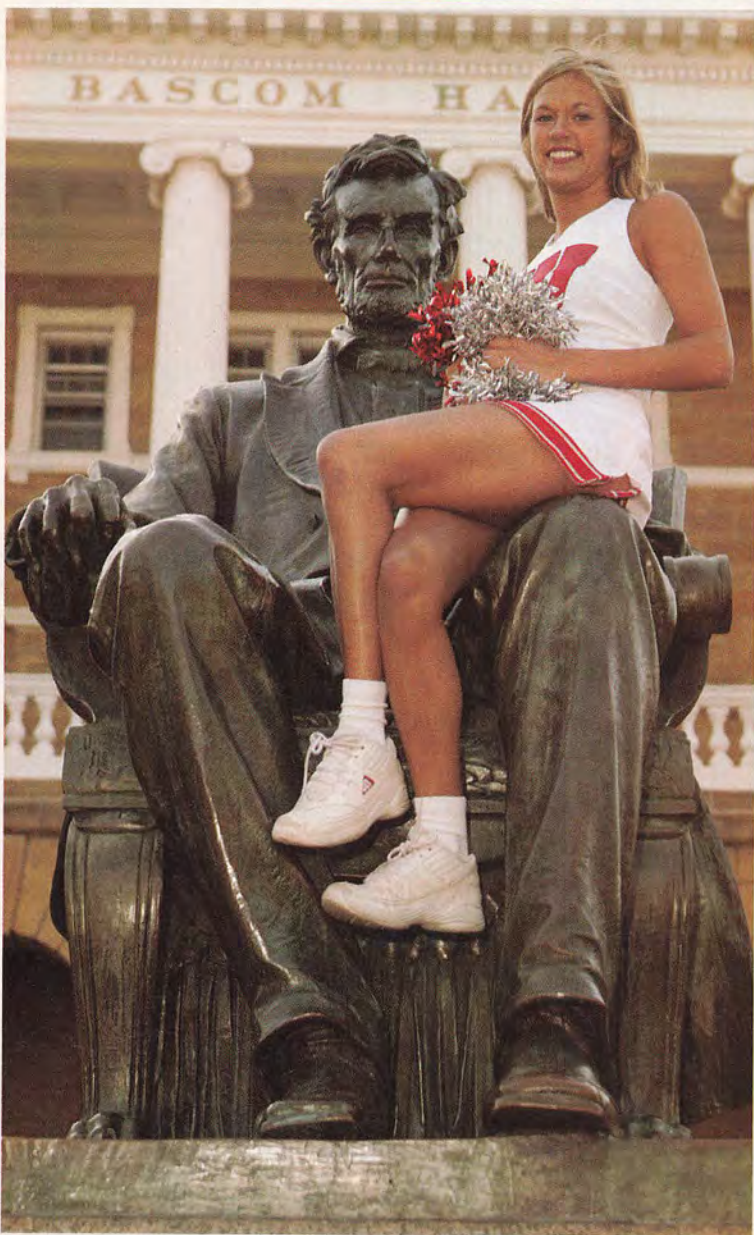
Two of my best friends, Jackie Decker and Mimi Klein. They are two of the most genuine and caring people I have ever met. My parents are definitely the people I most admire.

Role model for profession?

I don't really have one. I guess my mom would be my closest role model. She is a very successful business-woman.

Who is your hero?

My parents are both my heroes. They both have done so many incredible things in their lives and they have touched so many people in positive ways. They have always been there for me no matter what, and have made me the person I am today, and show me the person I want to become.



Athlon Sports' Complete Ranking — Game by Game

Well, here it is — the 2003 season at a glance. At Athlon, we're in the prognostication business, so we've endeavored to predict the outcome of each game. Below are the projected records that resulted from that exercise. You'll notice that we've hedged a bit by assigning certain games the "swing" designation (the third number in each record is the number of "swing" games).

1. Oklahoma	11-0-1	40. West Virginia	6-5-1	79. Marshall	6-4-2
2. Miami	10-0-2	41. Oregon	7-3-2	80. Vanderbilt	2-9-1
3. Ohio State	9-0-3	42. Iowa	3-4-5	81. UAB	4-7-1
4. Kansas State	12-0-1	43. Ole Miss	5-5-2	82. Stanford	0-10-2
5. Auburn	10-0-2	44. Illinois	5-5-2	83. Indiana	1-8-3
6. USC	10-0-2	45. TCU	10-0-2	84. San Jose State	6-4-1
7. Texas	10-0-2	46. UCF	9-2-1	85. Connecticut	4-4-4
8. Georgia	10-0-2	47. Clemson	4-5-3	86. Northwestern	0-9-3
9. Pittsburgh	10-0-2	48. BYU	6-3-3	87. Middle Tennessee	4-4-4
10. Michigan	10-0-2	49. Boise State	9-1-3	88. East Carolina	2-9-1
11. NC State	8-1-3	50. South Florida	6-2-2	89. Wyoming	2-8-2
12. Washington	9-0-3	51. Boston College	4-5-3	90. Arizona	1-10-1
13. Wisconsin	10-0-2	52. Iowa State	4-6-2	91. Akron	6-4-2
14. Virginia Tech	9-0-3	53. Texas Tech	2-6-4	92. Rutgers	3-7-2
15. Florida State	6-1-5	54. Wake Forest	5-5-2	93. Kansas	1-8-3
16. Oregon State	8-1-3	55. Air Force	8-3-1	94. San Diego State	3-8-1
17. Maryland	9-0-3	56. Hawaii	8-3-2	95. Arkansas State	6-5-1
18. LSU	8-1-3	57. Northern Illinois	8-4-0	96. Troy State	4-7-1
19. Purdue	8-1-3	58. Kentucky	6-5-1	97. Houston	1-9-2
20. Florida	6-2-4	59. Tulane	7-3-2	98. Nevada	2-7-3
21. Alabama	8-3-2	60. Syracuse	4-6-2	99. Temple	1-9-2
22. Notre Dame	7-3-2	61. Washington State	3-8-1	100. Louisiana Tech	2-6-4
23. Virginia	8-0-4	62. UNLV	4-3-5	101. Baylor	1-9-2
24. Tennessee	7-3-2	63. North Texas	8-3-1	102. Ohio	1-8-3
25. Missouri	7-2-3	64. South Carolina	3-7-2	103. Navy	3-6-3
26. Arizona State	8-2-2	65. Georgia Tech	2-8-2	104. Army	0-11-2
27. Colorado State	9-0-3	66. Memphis	5-2-5	105. Central Michigan	2-8-2
28. Colorado	5-3-4	67. Miami, OH	6-3-3	106. SMU	0-6-6
29. Oklahoma State	7-3-2	68. California	0-10-3	107. Kent State	2-8-2
30. Penn State	6-3-3	69. Utah	3-6-2	108. Rice	0-5-7
31. Texas A&M	4-4-4	70. Cincinnati	4-4-4	109. UTEP	2-7-4
32. UCLA	6-3-3	71. Michigan State	2-8-2	110. UL-Lafayette	1-9-2
33. Minnesota	7-2-3	72. Western Michigan	5-3-4	111. Idaho	1-7-4
34. Arkansas	7-4-1	73. Mississippi State	1-8-3	112. Utah State	1-10-1
35. Fresno State	8-2-3	74. Louisville	5-4-3	113. Ball State	2-8-2
36. Nebraska	4-2-6	75. New Mexico State	6-4-2	114. Tulsa	1-8-3
37. Southern Miss	9-1-2	76. UNC	0-10-2	115. Eastern Michigan	1-9-2
38. Toledo	10-1-1	77. Bowling Green	6-4-2	116. Buffalo	0-10-2
39. New Mexico	8-0-4	78. Duke	2-7-3	117. UL-Monroe	2-8-2



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